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STATES MOVE TO KILL NSL



EXCLUSIVE

AROK HITS BACK. P10

BY TOM McKAIN

SOUTH AUSTRALIA and Victoria are now combining to wipe out the present National Soccer League!

Officials met when an S.A. contingent flew to Melbourne for the final Australia-England match, and while no announcement was made, it is certain they will reject proposals by the ASF and NSL for next year's national competition.

Victoria has already told NSL secretary Steve Kamasz and ASF marketing man Peter Sheehan not to bother visiting Victoria to discuss the 1984 format.

S.A. Federation secretary, Peter Nikolich said he could not discuss the Victorian talks but conceded they had taken place.

However, he announced that while the ASF and NSL proposals would be put to S.A. clubs, the S.A. Federation Board was putting forward an alternative.

S.A. and Victoria are believed to be in favour of "Super Leagues" in their own States, culminating in the top four going into an eight-team National League play-off series.

So once again Australian Soccer is about to self-destruct.

Once again we will be split into State factions. Don't think that just because the Vics and S.A. combine now they will remain on friendly terms.

Wait until they work out the composition of the final play-off format!

Does anyone believe

that the Victorians will agree to have the same number of teams as "little" S.A.?

NSW has made it clear it wants its own "Super League," and we now have the frightening thought that the NSL as it now stands may remain. This means a breakaway, as when the old Federation was formed by a group from the old Association.

And that could happen, because there is also a proposal circulating in Victoria that "Super Leagues" be formed in each State, EXCLUDING the current NSL clubs.

July 30 is the proposal date for delegates to meet and vote on plans for 1984.

It could go down as the date which heralded the start of another chaotic Australian Soccer revolution.



In a real thriller at Pratten Park, Olympic's Peter Katholos and Leichhardt's Mark Pullen were constantly in the action.

STAR SCOT KEEN TO COME

DEREK JOHNSTONE, the long-serving Glasgow Rangers striker, wants to play in Australia according to George Best's manager Bill McMurdo.

And McMurdo told Brisbane Lions officials Johnstone wanted to come to Queensland this week with Best, who is due to arrive on Thursday for a three-match stint.

Lions officials earlier this week were unsure whether to go ahead with a double guest player promotion and were considering the possibility of loaning Johnstone, now a free agent and seriously considering moving to Australia to live.

McMurdo, a former

Hibernian striker, said Johnstone saw a guest ap-

BY GREG RUSSELL

pearance as an excellent way of helping him make his final decision on whether to come Down Under.

Under National League rules, Lions could play Best and Johnstone in the same team but it is unlikely coach Simon Kistemaker would want to upset the balance of his side with too many

imports.

It seems likely Kistemaker will play Best on the wing although the Irishman has played in midfield in a number of guest appearances for various clubs over the past 12 months.

Lions are hoping their young Soccerroo Danny Wright and Best strike up

a good playing relationship and the magical master sets up the youngster for a bagful of goals.

But the club admits results on the field are not the main concern.

"If we win while George Best is in the team, that will be a bonus," one director said this week.

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EDITORIAL

SO TOUGH FOR THE AUSSIES

Why do Australian Soccer players find it so terribly difficult to make the grade overseas — particularly in the UK?

The question is topical as we look back on the English international tour of this country.

The England squad included several world-class performers plus a reasonable selection of the young talent expected to climb to the top in the next few years.

Yet in none of the three international matches did the Englishmen look markedly superior to the Australian part-timers.

It is not unreasonable to assume that four or five of Australia's best players could make a living, and a very good living, playing in England or Scotland.

But that doesn't happen. Only in a very rare case — for instance Craig Johnston — does an Aussie kid go overseas and survive in the tough world of full-time professional Soccer.

There must be a reason.

Some time ago, Tommy Docherty stated on Sydney's radio station 2GB that there were several players in Australia blessed with better talent than Craig Johnston.

Docherty put forward names like Jimmy Patikas, Alan Davidson and Peter Katholos to illustrate his point.

Patikas and Katholos have had trials in Europe. Davidson is thinking about taking the plunge. Yet the odds are heavily against any of these players winning lucrative professional contracts.

National Youth team players Tom McCulloch and Rod Brown are thinking

seriously about playing in the Scottish League next season.

There is no reason why they should not make the grade. But we have our doubts.

In Toluca, Mexico, Australia beat Scotland's Youth team 2-1 — a tremendous achievement, indeed the high spot of the whole series as far as Australia was concerned.

In that match, several of the Scottish players looked quite ordinary.

Even the much-publicised, renowned, Eric Black of Aberdeen hardly managed a decent shot at goal in Scotland's three games in the qualifying series.

Had Rod Brown been wearing Scotland's jersey, he could hardly have done worse.

Eric Black is worth about \$1,000,000 on the world transfer market. Rod Brown is worth, maybe, \$50,000.

It makes you think.

The Craig Johnston story is interesting. The boy from Northern New South Wales made his own way to England to try out with Middlesbrough.

At that time, Jackie Charlton was Middlesbrough's manager. Charlton suggested to the teenage Johnston that he would never make the grade.

Johnston refused to listen. He was determined not to be beaten. He had great faith in his own ability and, despite the Charlton rebuff, worked twice as hard to succeed.

It is now history that Johnston finally gate-crashed Middlesbrough's first team, became the team's star performer and cashed in when he was transferred to Liverpool in a deal worth \$1,200,000.

Could it be that Craig Johnston was more determined to make it than other Aussies who have been on trial with UK clubs?

That may be part of the answer.

Let us not forget, also, that the dreadful British winter weather must have sent many Australian boys scurrying back to their homeland.

Some youngsters, brought up to accept sunshine, blue skies, the surf and the sand as normal, suffer all sorts of traumas when they have to play and live in the UK climate. Below zero temperatures, black skies, rain, snow and fog are "natural" adversaries as daunting as any opposing players.

Tommy Docherty is probably right when he says there are up to half a dozen Australian youngsters who could make a lot of money by selling their talents abroad.

But they might find the exercise more congenial if they get signed up by clubs in the south of Italy or Spain or Greece.

It's tough enough making the grade in top professional company without also having to contend with Britain's foul weather!



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I AM writing to request a favour, if you would publish the enclosed photo in your paper. It is a photo of Brian McCann who lives in Scotland. I send, each month four copies of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, and he looks forward to them and enjoys them very much. Then they do the rounds.

Brian is 12 years old and plays in the 12 year team for the Saltcoats Boys Club.

This year he was awarded the trophy in the photo for the club's "player of the year".

We may see Brian playing out here sometime in the future. He would like to hear from some Aussie pen friends about his age. His name and address is: Brian McCann, 6 Nursery Place, Adrossan, Ayrshire, Scotland.

Jack Mennie
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BRIAN GETS ASW IN SCOTLAND

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
PRESTON	13	8	4	1	24	11	28	6	1	0	15	5	19	2	3	1	9	6	9		
NEWCASTLE	12	7	3	2	22	8	24	4	3	0	11	2	15	3	0	2	11	6	9		
SYDNEY CITY	12	6	4	3	18	16	22	4	3	0	11	3	15	2	1	3	7	13	7		
BRISBANE CITY	13	5	5	3	19	20	20	3	2	2	13	12	11	2	3	1	6	8	9		
ST GEORGE	12	5	4	3	11	8	19	4	2	0	9	4	14	1	2	3	4	2	4		
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	12	5	3	4	16	10	18	1	1	3	6	5	4	4	2	1	10	5	14		
HEIDELBERG	13	4	6	3	12	11	18	4	1	1	8	2	13	0	5	2	4	9	5		
WEST ADELAIDE	13	5	3	5	13	14	18	4	1	3	9	8	13	1	2	2	4	6	5		
ADELAIDE CITY	14	5	3	6	15	18	18	3	2	1	9	7	11	2	1	5	6	11	7		
CANBERRA	13	5	2	6	22	17	17	4	1	1	15	5	13	1	1	5	7	12	4		
LEICHHARDT	13	5	2	6	18	16	17	4	1	2	12	6	13	1	1	4	6	10	4		
SOUTH MELBOURNE	13	4	3	6	15	20	15	2	2	3	9	10	8	2	1	3	6	10	7		
MARCONI	12	4	2	6	18	20	14	3	1	2	11	11	10	1	1	4	7	9	4		
WOLLONGONG	12	1	7	5	17	23	10	0	5	1	6	7	5	1	2	4	11	16	5		
BRISBANE LIONS	13	3	1	8	17	27	10	3	0	2	12	5	9	0	1	6	5	22	1		
FOOTSCRAY	13	2	4	7	8	26	10	1	2	4	4	13	5	1	2	4	4	13	5		
WOLLONGONG	11	1	6	5	17	23	9	—	4	1	6	7	4	1	2	4	11	16	5		

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

THE WEEKEND NSL PROGRAM

SYDNEY CITY V HEIDELBERG
SOUTH MELBOURNE V ST GEORGE
WEST ADELAIDE V WOLLONGONG
PRESTON V BRISBANE CITY
LEICHHARDT V NEWCASTLE
CANBERRA V FOOTSCRAY
MARCONI V ADELAIDE CITY
BRISBANE LIONS V SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Brisbane City 2 (Falco, Wilkinson) Heidelberg 2 (Lea Campbell) at Spencer Park. Crowd 3,000.
Wollongong 0 St George 0 at Ziems Park. Crowd 1,200.

Leichhardt 0 Sydney Olympic 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd 6,544.

Preston 3 (Ward 2, Lucchesi) Marconi 2 (Brown, Henderson) at Connor Reserve. Crowd 3,500.

West Adelaide 2 (Heys, Brennan) Brisbane Lions 1 (Wright) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 1,600.

South Melbourne 1 (Halford) Canberra Arrows 2 (Cole, Brennan) at Middle Park. Crowd 2,500.

Sydney City 1 (Mitchell) Adelaide City 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd 300.

Newcastle KB United 3 (Burke 2, Mason) Footscray 0 at Adamstown. Crowd 3,402.

GREEDY LEARNS

BY KEITH GILMOUR



TERRY GREEDY, Australia's goalkeeper against England, did not let the grass grow under his feet whilst the Englishmen were here.

The idea was both to put on a good display in his first opportunity to play for Australia, and to see that he absorbed all he could to improve his game.

So Terry contacted Ron Greenwood, who quickly agreed to a suggestion that he be allowed to watch England's outstanding Peter Shilton training with the other tour goalkeeper, Nigel Spink from Aston Villa.

Terry told me: "I watched them take turns to carry out different exercises, some of which were new to me and which I am now using myself."

"One thing that particularly impressed me came when Shilton was fielding balls that Spink threw to him."

"It didn't matter if it happened to be a bad throw, Shilton went after it as if his life depended upon it."

"It would have been easy to relax and wait for the next ball, but Shilton did not let up right through a two hour session."

The 27 year old St George keeper says he thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the three-match series.

Although he ruefully admits that there was no joy in being caught in mid-air going for a save when Terry Butcher came in on him, overall he found the knocks no harder to take than those that are dealt out in an Australian NSL match.

On his displays against England there must be every chance that he will be in the national team again for the November series against Poland, Uruguay and Cameroon. Beyond that he certainly has World Cup potential.

Terry Greedy: lesson

STAR SCOTT
— from page 1

"We are mainly bringing him to Australia to promote the game in Queensland and help develop our juniors through the week-long coaching clinic he will give."

Speculation has been rife in Brisbane the past few weeks on whether the unpredictable Irishman will turn up this week, but Lions have not wavered in their certainty that he will arrive.

With debts totalling \$204,000 including \$33,000 in back taxes hanging over the head of the former magical maestro, it would seem ludicrous for him to turn his back on Lions offer — which after endorsements and promotions could earn Best a healthy five-figure amount.

Lions are loath to reveal the financial details behind the promotion but it is understood Best will earn more than double what the club paid the former guest players Bob Latchford and Alan Sutherland.

"It will be the most expensive promotion of a Soccer individual in Australia," Promotions Director Hans Strik said.

Best will play three games for Lions during the brief stay. The first is on Sunday against Sydney Olympic in which Best will renew his previously stormy relationship with former Manchester United Manager Tommy Docherty.



RACE IS ON IN EARNEST

A FULL round of matches was played in the National Youth League last weekend and the position at the top of the table remained the same, even though leaders Sydney City had a bye.

Second placed Marconi went down 2-1 to the improving AIS; the Arrows had the best result of the day downing the high flying Newcastle 4-0 and Olympic and St George had wins against Wollongong and Leichhardt.

This has created an exceptionally tight race for semi-final positions with

only four points separating third last St George and second placed Marconi.

At the Bruce Stadium, Jimmy Shoulder's boys hit top gear again to beat strife-torn Marconi, who replaced coach John Doyle with former Marconi great Ray Richards.

Both the Institute goals came from defender and Young Soccerroo Roy Jones. Marconi's reply came through Geoff Gunning.

At Adamstown Oval, Newcastle were grounded with a thud against the Canberra Arrows. Manis Lamond grabbed two goals to bring his total for the season to 11 just two behind Tony Cabano.

Canberra's other goals came through Paul On-

tong in the 15th minute after a good cross from Lamond and Angelo Ambrosino was a little fortunate in scoring in the 37th minute when he blocked a clearance and saw it spin past the 'keeper.

At Ziem's Park, Corrimall, Wollongong Wolves went down 3-1 to St George in a fairly even game despite the scoreline.

The Wolves missed several scoring opportunities through poor finishing and good goalkeeping by Saints' Mike Fraser.

The Wolves opened the scoring in the 15th minute when David Green's high cross from the left floated through Fraser's hands.

Muskovits replied for the Saints in the 20th mi-

nute with a spectacular diving header. Soon after the half time break Steve Zantides put the Saints further ahead from the penalty spot after Muskovits had been fouled. Chris Polias put matters out of Wolves' reach with a good goal in the 70th minute.

At Pratten Park, Olympic adapted more to the conditions than Leichhardt.

It looked as if Olympians were going to run away with it at half time when they led 3-1, but a never-say-die Leichhardt fought on to the end, successfully preventing Olympic from adding to their score and pulling one back themselves.

The second half was a pretty dour affair with the conditions dominating matters and the highlight of the half was Leichhardt's second goal in the 70th minute when a 25 metre effort from Robert Bonaro caught 'keeper Peter Wilson off his line.

RESULTS

AIS 2 (Jones 2) beat Marconi 1 (Gunning).

CANBERRA 4 (Lamond 2, Ontong) beat NEWCASTLE 0.

OLYMPIC 3 (Kalantzis 2, Svinos) beat LEICHHARDT 2 (Genuvese, Bonaro).

ST GEORGE 2 (Muskovits, Zantides) beat Wollongong 1 (Green).

NEXT WEEK

SUN 1pm — Sydney City v AIS, Sydney Ath Fld, Leichhardt v Newcastle Pratten Park, Canberra v St George Nat. Sports Ctre. Marconi v Olympic Marconi Stadium.

CHANNEL 0-28 SCORES TWO GOALS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

The Channel 0-28 Network, easily Australia's No 1 Soccer television station, has again scored brilliantly for the code. Twice.

First, after some hectic arrangements by 0-28's Sports Executive Producer, John Rowley, the network "Match Of The Day", will go to air at the new, forward time-slot of 7.30pm, and not 10.30pm as previously screened.

South Melbourne Vs St George will be the first "Match Of The Day" screened next Sunday at the new time.

Channel 0-28 is showing great initiative and courage by pitting its weight right behind Soccer, stacking up "Match Of The Day" in prime-time against heavyweights "Sixty Minutes", "Willesee" and "Mash".

Soccer viewers now have the chance to watch and enjoy this programme and still get an early night every Sunday.

The Channel's producer, Rowley, told us last night: "We have been toying with the idea for some time."

"Now with some great technical electronic assistance, we will be able to shoot the match in Melbourne and knock it up live to Sydney to tape it in the studio."

"Then we will do the necessary editing on the tape to polish it up from 90 minutes to the finished product of 58 minutes ready to go to air."

Another "goal" scored by 0-28 is that the Channel will beam into Canberra from October 14 and at this stage, 0-28 will attempt to cover Canberra Arrows' postponed home match with Sydney City. This game at this stage will be scheduled as "Match Of The Day" and screened on Sunday October 16, again at 7.30pm.

Nobody can say 0-28 isn't doing everything possible for the Australian Soccer viewer.

The network has shown its true colours to full extent by constantly taking the plunge into Soccer, be it local or overseas presentations.

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Sunday, July 3, 7.30p.m.: South Melbourne v St George

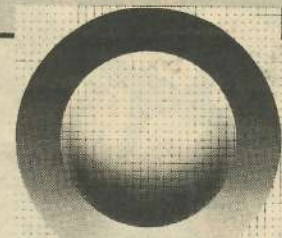
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ROUND UP



WEST END BAD RUN

WEST ADELAIDE got off the slide and clambered aboard the roundabout with a fighting 2-1 home win over Brisbane Lions.

All the goals came in the first half with West ending a run of four League games which produced only a point from a home draw with Sydney City.

Graham Heys shot West into the lead in the third minute when he turned on a pass from Bill Amey to rocket the ball high in the net.

Ironically it was Amey who gave Lions the equaliser when he misjudged a pass back to keeper Martyn Crook and Danny Wright collected the ball and beat Crook in the 39th minute.

But four minutes later, West hit the front again when Heys took a corner on the left wing and dropped it short to Micky Brennan on the near post.

The ball went into the net with Brennan claiming the goal, although it could have come off a Lions defender.

Into the second half and it was Lions who struck

first with a great shot from John Stewart from well outside box.

The ball beat Crook as it hit the underside of the crossbar, but Amey was there to knock it off the line.

While the game had its moments, particularly some great ball skills from Honeyman and Wright, it was mainly a slogging match dominated by defenders content on clearing at all costs.

Kelso was eventually booked for a tackle on tiny full-back Ian McGregor, while Alan Niven also got a yellow card from referee Mike Browning for handball; Steve Hogg after an altercation with Wormley was also booked along with the West striker.

Lions could claim they were unlucky not to go home with at least a draw but as West winger Heys said after the match: "I think we have at last turned the corner and were due for a bit of luck on our side."

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook, McGregor, Papazoglou, Amey, Hiern, Brennan, Pamagis, Atsalas, Honeyman, Wormley, Heys.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds, R. Stewart, McCloud, Hunter, Niven, J. Stewart, Hogg, Wright, Kelso, Ogden (Pagan 71), McDonagh.

REFEREE: M. Browning.

CROWD: 2,126.

BY TOM MCKAIN

PRESTON STILL ON TOP

BY JOCK STEVEN

THE return of the Youth team players gave Marconi a more lively appearance on paper for their match against NSL leaders Preston in Melbourne.

The third minute saw a well-placed forward pass from Peter Ollerton, which was scrambled away for a corner.

Georgie Campbell's kick had the Marconi defence at sixes and sevens, with the ball curling goalwards.

It was difficult to see whether Gary Ward got his head to it, but he is claiming the goal!

I believe the ball would have twisted into goal in any event, and Preston were one up.

Marconi went straight into attack with smart moves to level the score. These were exciting moments for both teams, as Preston were also not averse to testing the Marconi defence.

The ball was never idle, and Campbell gave Ward an opportunity to try a snap shot. A Lucchesi effort was a smart move in the 12th minute but clever defensive play by Marconi had him offside at the crucial moment.

Calderan was involved

in a great right-wing move with Marconi looking dangerous, but his solid drive swung away in a steady westerly breeze.

The skill of Rodney Brown was never better demonstrated than when he used all the space available to crash home the

equaliser at 24 minutes.

This period belonged to Preston with fine forceful play from Flavell and Ward, and Ollerton was exerting his share without reward.

A Ward pass to Lucchesi saw the lithe young forward compensate for the disallowed goal earlier, with one of his mercurial dashes in 30 minutes to score.

Marconi were on the trail for the second goal and spent some time at

the Preston goal before forcing a corner in the 41st minute. The perfectly placed corner by Hunter gave captain Tony Henderson the opportunity to show how expert he is with a wonderful goal.

The opening of the second half had all the interest of a Cup tie as both sides battled for supremacy until the fatal moment when Tony Henderson brought down Lucchesi in the penalty box.

Gary Ward made no mistake although Bruce James made a brave effort to save in 52 minutes.

The final 10 minutes were the severest test on both defences.

The final minute saw a last ditch defence from Marconi, and a Ward header which landed on the cross bar.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinas, Flavell, Ilioski, Jones, Ollerton, Campbell, Lucchesi, McMillan, Odzakov, Ward.

MARCONI: James, Bozanic, Degney, McCulloch, Henderson, Calderan, Carbone, Sermani, Brown, Jankovics, Hunter (Licata 61).

REFEREE: S. Mellings.

CROWD: 3,000.



Con Opasinas

ROUND UP

BY MYLES HAY

NO WONDER a disconsolate goalkeeper Denis Boland glared in anguish at sprightly winger David Jones after conceding Newcastle's third goal five minutes into the second half at Adamstown Sportsground.

Jones had been responsible for three tantalising corner kicks which probed at Boland's weakness in dealing with cross balls in the difficult swirling conditions.

Powerful defender Peter Burke was on hand after less than two minutes to head the ball into the net and in the 11th minute Newcastle captain Craig Mason duplicated this from yet another Jones' corner kick.

Two goals up set the home crowd's enthusiasm alight and the 3,400 spectators roared for more goals.

But it was Footscray who shrugged off such a shocking start on what was probably meant to be a solitary point-earning visit to NSW.

Footscray inspired by some fine skills from Joe Carroll and Vlatko Belic carried play to their cocky opponents.

It was Carroll who set up a great opportunity for overlapping full-back Suliman Curovic but his hard-hit effort was blocked by the legs of goalkeeper Clint Gosling.

Belic played one shot just wide then Carroll cracked a blistering effort against the upright.

During this period of Footscray supremacy, the Newcastle midfield was a spasmodic force being unable to apply much pressure after the sensational two-goal opening.

Rugged striker Bob Mountford went off with a leg injury and was replaced by Joe Senkalski, who immediately showed his eagerness to be an integral part of the side again.

The swift interceptive work of Kuri Kyriakoules and Gary McDowell made matters difficult for former England international Mick Channon and World Youth Cup leader David Lowe.

Local fears that Footscray would prove a

menacing force in the second half with the advantage of the strong wind were soon dispelled when Newcastle went three-up.

From Jones' delicately placed flag kick, Burke was again on the spot to head glance.

Referee Barry Wilkinson refused to listen to Footscray's appeals that a handling offence had taken place.

Highlight of the second half was a splendid movement involving Channon and Senkalski which split the Footscray defence for left-back Howard Tredinnick to join in and test Boland.

Footscray, who have yet to win a match at Newcastle, finished a well-beaten team.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Boogaard, Burke, Watson, Tredinnick, Mason, Cowburn, Jones, Channon, Mountford (Senkalski 25), Lowe.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Curovic, Hazabent, Kyriakoules, McDowell, Belic, Taylor, Karic, Purdie, Simic, Carroll.

REFEREE: B. Wilkinson.

CROWD: 400.

Dennis Boland: struck by anguish and David Jones



O'CONNOR RATTLES THE BAR

PHIL O'CONNOR went closest to breaking the deadlock as Wollongong City and St George battled out a scoreless draw in gale-force winds at Ziems Park.

With just 11 minutes to go and many spectators heading for the exits the Wollongong winger rattled the St George crossbar with a great shot from 15 metres after being set up by Larry Gaffney.

Overall the home side probably deserved to sneak in by the odd goal because they looked that little more determined than Saints.

At times they appeared desperate to win the ball in midfield as their players sensed the chance to get off the bottom of the table for the first time in weeks.

They hustled the St George team into error and handled the shocking conditions a bit better.

O'Connor's effort was not the only clear-cut scoring chance in the game... the first falling to St George striker Dez Marton before half time.

Marton was sent clear of the Wollongong defence and only a timely tackle by Steve Pollard prevented him from making the most of his chance.

With two minutes left Paul Wilkinson put Mark Barton into the clear and it took a good save from Natch Vardareff to stop him scoring with an angled shot.

O'Connor was again active on both sides of the field and in the first half sent over two great crosses but no-one was "home" in the middle to take advantage.

St George danger man Rob Slater was hardly sighted due mainly to the fine close marking job done on him by Phil Kerr while Marton was injured and eventually replaced towards the end.

Ray Vlietstra made a fine comeback to the Wollongong defence, always looking in command at the back and being well supported by Jeff Ainsworth.

For St George, Dave Ratcliffe always looked safe and the strong tackling Saints defence generally gave little away.

Referee Ken Small obviously had problems with the wind and some of his rulings were puzzling to say the least.

There was a nasty incident in the second half when City striker Roy Cotton was booked for an elbow to the face of David Skeen.

Surprisingly Larry Gaffney also received the yellow card when he became involved with another St George player over the same incident.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Vardaff, Willis, Ainsworth, Vlietstra, Kerr, Pollard, McBreen, Fleming, Gaffney, Cotton, O'Connor.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Barton, Ratcliffe, M. O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Wilkinson, J. O'Shea, Marton (Petkovski 69).

REFEREE: K. Small.

CROWD: 1,423.

ROUND UP

GREAT START FOR ABONYI

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

CANBERRA CITY'S newly appointed coach Atti Abonyi, was presented with the ideal gift for his debut in the National League.

The Arrows charged in to contention for a top six berth, with a 2-1 win over South Melbourne at Middle Park.

Canberra avenged the home team for their merciless 6-0 hammering in the National League Cup tie, a few weeks ago.

While Canberra were celebrating a first away win for the season, South Melbourne were lamenting their sixth loss, three

of which were at home.

Midfield play was the order of the first 20 minutes; Canberra had themselves locked in defence forcing South Melbourne to use the full width of the park to break their solid defensive line.

Brilliant midfield work by Soccerroo Alan Davidson gave South Melbourne an advantage over their opponents in the opening half. Davidson

kept tearing up in Canberra's defence but the ball failed to reach the forward line.

It was Davidson himself who cracked the first shot of the game after 21 minutes but well placed Hoszowski turned the ball over the line for a corner.

Centre half Arthur Xanthopoulos initiated the move which gave South Melbourne the lead after 24 minutes.



Xanthopoulos squared the ball to John Yzen-doorn who in turn fed Murphy with a through ball outside the area; Murphy's accurate left foot sent the ball to Halford who lobbed it into the net over Hoszowski's head.

Canberra's defender John Walsh brought the best out of his goalkeeper 10 minutes later turning the ball towards his goal. Hoszowski stretched full length to control the ball right on his goal line.

While leading 1-0 South Melbourne created enough opportunities to wrap the game up but poor finishing by their forwards prevented them increasing their margin before half-time.

In fact Canberra man-

aged to level the score in the 46th minute with Duncan Cole hammering the ball into the net from a perfect Brennan cross.

Rale Rasic brought Brown into the game in the second half, obviously

and forced South Melbourne to retreat into their own half.

Bryant and Terry Byrne undertook the organisation of the midfield and successfully managed to push the ball forward to their forward line; under pressure John Yzen-doorn gave Canberra City the winning goal.

Yzen-doorn mis-passed the ball to Redmond who turned it into Brennan and the lively winger beat Laumets with a ground shot from close range.

South's best opportunity to level the score was denied by Murray in the 70th minute.

The defender disposes of Branko Buljevic inside the area saving his team three points.

Atti Abonyi gave Ian Stone a run in the last 25 minutes of the game at the expense of his burly midfielder George Christopolous.

In his after-match comment Rale Rasic told the press "lack of fighting spirit was the main reason for our defeat. We gave them the three points as though we didn't want to increase our points tally with a home win."

His counterpart, however was full of praise for his players and wished "they will continue performing with the same determination and enthusiasm."

STH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Yzen-doorn, Blair, Xanthopoulos, Halford (Brown 46), Murphy, Crino, Buljevic, Davidson, Egan.

CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski, Murray, Walsh, Cole, Young, Byrne, Bryant, Christopolous, (Stone 71), Redmond, Brennan, McLaren.

REFEREE: E. Venios. CROWD: 2,000.

SOUTHS DOWN AGAIN

attempting to increase his firing power. The move however failed as John Walsh kept Brown under tight guard throughout the half.

As the game grew, Canberra became more enterprising in the midfield

EARLY GOALS VITAL ALL OVER IN FIVE MINUTES!

THE result of the big local "derby" when Sydney Olympic downed Leichhardt 2-0 at Pratten Park on Sunday was decided in the first five minutes of the 90 minute thriller.

Mainly due to the magnificent touches of their big strong striker Steve Paterson, Olympic got two fine goals in the second and fifth minute of the game.

The first was scored by Peter Katholos who played in the unusual role as central striker.

Big Scot Paterson leapt like a salmon to head a long defensive clearance down into the path of Katholos who rammed an unstoppable shot past Leichhardt goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse.

Three minutes later, Paterson foraged the ball in the Leichhardt goal area to lay on another golden opportunity that was gratefully accepted by Gary Philips.

Five minutes of this crucial match had gone and Leichhardt were two down with Olympic on the rampage.

It looked as if the flood-

Left, Sydney Olympic's Steve Paterson stretches to cut out the ball from Leichhardt's advancing Arno Bertogna (right), Centre is Leichhardt's, Mark Brown.



Morsello, Tredinnick.

OLYMPIC: Meier; Coady, Herbert, Dakos, Jennings; Raskopoulos (Patalis 61m), Rogers, Patikas; Phillips, Katholos, Paterson.
REFEREE: Tim Davies.
CROWD: 6,544.

HOME BY 20 SECONDS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

EDDIE Thomson's Sydney City managed to stay in clear third place on the League, but only with 20 seconds to spare against Adelaide City at Sydney Athletic Field, with a 1-0 victory.

The first half produced very little entertainment value and "Joe Public" showed clairvoyant skills anticipating a drab match, as the grandstand was sprinkled with no more than 100 spectators.

Adelaide City seemed intent on sitting back with a staked defence waiting for Sydney City to come at them.

Easily the best players on the pitch were the two who really don't have to prove their worth. They were Australian internationals, Joe Watson and John Kosmina. Watson with his dangerous cross-

ses and viciously swinging corners, and Kosmina with his powerful crashing runs and ability to hold the ball, plus creating the solitary goal.

In the 31st minute, Sydney City's little midfield-dynamo, Paul Kay, made a run and squared to Jean Paul Marigny (filling in for injured Murray Barnes).

Marigny smashed a 20 metre drive that flashed just past Adelaide's left post.

Sydney's left-back, Ian Bruce also missed the match due to injury, and his spot was filled by Jim-

my Cant whilst Ian ("Chelsea") Souness, made his comeback at right-back after being out for so many months with a back injury.

Despite Souness' long lay-off, the boy hasn't forgotten how to crack a ball.

In the 81st minute with the scoreboard still untouched, Souness hit a 40 metre bending-rocket that crashed onto Adelaide's cross-bar.

Just three minutes later, "Chelsea" again hit a bomb, this time a 30 yard volley that shaved the right post.

Facing a tight Adelaide defence, Sydney City desperately tried to open up play, especially Kay and Kosmina.

Kay early in the second half set up Gerardo Gomez with a clear shot at the target, but the midfielder's hit was tipped around the corer by goalkeeper Willie McNally.

With a little more than a minute left, Marigny ducked and weaved his

said.

City drew 2-2 with Heidelberg at Spencer Park — thanks to an injury time penalty — but Dunlop could hardly be blamed for either of the goals.

Both came from breaks down the right by Derek Lea. The first went in the net after a deflection off Peter Tokesi, while the second was crossed to an unmarked Jim Campbell at the far post.

Double controversy surrounded the goal. Firstly Heidelberg claimed Olver had the ball in his hands before Falco's lunge and then they protested the linesman had flagged for a goal before the ball had crossed the line — although it eventually did go over.

But, after the game even coach Ken Morton had mellowed enough to concede that even if it wasn't a legal goal his side deserved to concede it after a bad call from Olver and a weak back pass from the defender.

But, the City equaliser came in even more controversial circumstances, two minutes into injury

time. That was a fair allowance considering the time taken up when Joe Angeli was injured six minutes earlier, but Morton claimed the match should have finished sooner.

Ironically, it was Angeli who brought down City midfielder Bobby Hamilton from behind to give the Gladiators the penalty.

Billy Wilkinson blasted the shot high into the top right hand corner to give the Gladiators a point they did not really deserve.

Heidelberg had played the match with considerably more commitment and Brisbane City were obviously missing the midfield direction of Frank Pimblett, who was out with a groin strain.

BRISBANE CITY: Dunlop, Hughes, Kowtan, Tokesi, Wilkinson, Williamson, Bow, Hamilton, Glockner, Falco, Brimfield (Liddell 71st).

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Tansey, Yankos, Angeli, Toro, Selmidis, Campbell, Lea, Spanos, Peterson.

way into the box; in the last second before he steadied himself for a shot at the target, he was dispossessed by defender Glen Dods.

Then the winner came, with 20 seconds of play left when Australia's skipper, John Kosmina, nodded down a high ball to his partner-in-crime David Mitchell. Mitchell whipped the ball into the net from the left corner of the six yard box to lock-up the three points.

Sydney City coach, Eddie Thomson, told us after the match: "We created

enough chances to deserve the three points. "You couldn't really say a draw would have been a fair and just result, could you?"

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke; Souness, O'Connor, Robertson, Cant; Watson, Gomez, Kay, Marigny; Kosmina, Mitchell.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally; Cole, Banfield, Dods, Nyskohus; Melta, Blair, Carter; Villani, Rankin, Mullen.

REFEREE: T. Boskovik.

CROWD: About 300.



AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

DEMONS TAN SEASIDERS

BLACKTOWN consolidated a position in the top four following their resolute 3-1 victory over Manly at the Gabbie Stadium.

On numerous occasions the Demons midfield created opportunities for the forward line but either good goalkeeping from Cassetari or poor finishing thwarted them.

The Manly defence absorbed the pressure mounted from Blacktown but in forward movement they rarely tested the opposing keeper.

McLaughlin almost put the home side ahead following good lead-up work from Stoddart but Cassetari was equal to the task with a brilliant diving save.

Walker produced a magic header minutes later but once again the goalkeeper dived to his right to save.

Midway through the half Wheatley and McLaughlin combined on the right side and the ensuing cross from Stoddart was headed just wide.

After this phase of play both sides attacked but defences were too good.

Walker scored an opportunist goal in the 42nd minute. A communication breakdown between Cassetari and Williamson saw the latter head the ball over his team-mate and Walker swooped through to tap it home.

Blacktown started the second-half in a confident manner. Attempts by Stoddart and Selva were deflected for a corner and hit just wide respectively.

The best movement of the game came midway through the half. Walker made a skilful run, off-loaded the ball to Kirwan and he squared the ball for Stoddart whose crackling shot was saved low.

The turning point of the game came just seconds later. Manly broke through the Demons defence but the referee ruled a Manly player was offside.

Minutes later Keith Falconer broke through on the right but his delicate pass across goal wasn't met by any of his team-mates.

Walker was in the thick of the action once again. He turned inside his man, passed to Selva, and he in turn laid the ball on for



Peter Brogan starred

McLaughlin who shot just wide.

The last four minutes saw no fewer than three goals. Selva made a run on the right side and crossed the ball to Kirwan. His first attempt was saved as was a second attempt... but the rebound was crashed home by substitute Pearson.

Manly responded to this seconds later. Williamson crossed from the right and

Smith nodded the ball down for Steven to drive into goal.

With seconds remaining, Stoddart received his just reward after he broke through from the halfway line, cut inside a Manly defender and brilliantly chipped the ball over the goalkeeper's head and into the back of the net.

For Manly, Cassetari had a good game despite the scoreline and the two Falconer brothers played with equal determination.

It was a delightful team effort from Blacktown highlighted by the midfield machine of Brogan, Selva and Stoddart.

Blacktown coach Casey De Bruin was a relieved man after the game.

"It was a much better second half effort from the boys and consequently we created more chances in front of goal. This week's game against Melita will be a testing point."

CROATIA TAME BANKSTOWN

CROATIA remain at the top of the table following their convincing 5-1 victory over the young Bankstown side at King Tomislav Park.

Tragedy struck Bankstown in the sixth minute. Following a foul on Carrizo on the left flank, Arnold lept up and headed the ball into goal from the ensuing cross by Tomasic.

Lohman brilliantly saved a Savor header minutes later and bravely dived at the feet of Hensman to also thwart his opportunity.

A fine combination between Rezo, Arnold and Savor saw the latter brought down in the box. Kovacic converted the penalty but was forced to retake it due to a player standing inside the area. Lohman saved the second attempt but Arnold was there to pass it to Kovacic who made no mistake.

Minutes before the break Arnold scored his double for the afternoon following a skilful move-

ment involving Carrizo, Savor and himself.

This didn't deter Bankstown and in a positive counter-attack, Kennedy made a dashing run down the right side and his low cross deceived Watson and deflected into goal.

The best goal of the game was produced in the 65th minute. From inside their own half a movement involving Basic, Silva, Arnold and Hensman saw the latter crack the ball home from five metres.

Rezo put the issue beyond doubt after he successfully slotted the ball home minutes later. Croatia maintained pressure throughout the remaining minutes but the young Bankstown defence held firm.

Croatia played with confidence and skill with Rezo, Sterrey, Arnold and Savor shining.

For Bankstown, Bourke and Blackburn played with purpose in midfield and Gilligan looked dangerous when on the attack.

CROATIA: Watson,

Woods, Tomasic, Kovacic (Davis 74), Sterrey, Basic, Rezo, Savor, Arnold, Carrizo (Silva 55), Hensman.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Kennedy, Agostino, King, O'Neill, Linton (Parker 50), Bourke, Balckburn, Gilligan, Dalton, Farthing (Peters).

GOALS: Croatia (Arnold 6,41, Kovacic 30, Hensman 65, Rezo 67), Bankstown (Kennedy 55).

FONTANA'S FIRST GOAL

AVALA and Inter-Monaro played out a determined 1-1 draw at Knight Park.

On a number of occasions both sides had opportunities to score goals but good goalkeeping and poor finishing prevented this. Avala can feel slightly disappointed when you consider this was Avala's first game in four weeks.

Last week the team travelled to Parklands Oval but suprisingly the first grade game was called off but the third grade was played.

Fontana, transferred from Wollongong City this season, scored his first goal for his new club. A cross from the right side was brilliantly volleyed into goal from 18 metres.

Fontana almost scored his double minutes later when he cracked the ball from 25 metres and it scraped the crossbar.

Up till the interval Avala played with determination in attack but the well drilled Monaro defence matched them with solid stability.

Francis levelled terms in the 59th minute. In a tussle for possession inside the Avala area Francis delicately slotted it under the crossbar past the unsighted Ahrens.

Both sides pushed forward in the pursuit of the winner but the goalkeepers were equal to the fore.

Avala were well served by Fontana, who had his best game since he was transferred, Burrows, before he was taken off with injury, Ahrens in goal and young striker Rodrigues.

Inter-Monaro's best

were newly promoted goalkeeper Hocking, defenders Charles and Santolin and frontmen Arquerro and Reis.

AVALA: Ahrens, J.Fernandez, Deller, Barton, Macenzie, Yousuph (Hosseini 71), G.Fernandez, Muniz, Fontana, Burrows (Mahamah 65), Rodrigues.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking, Leith, Charles, Santolin, Francis, Willox, Duvnjak, Lawler, Godzik, Arquerro, Reis, Vieri.

GOALS: Inter-Monaro (Francis 59), Avala (Fontana 11).



Dennis Duarte scored

EAGLES END YUGAL'S TROT

MELITA Eagles shattered the successful trot Yugal had been having in recent weeks after they comprehensively defeated them 5-1 at Melita Stadium.

This was Melita's biggest win of the season in which they produced a devastating display of pressure Soccer.

The first 45 minutes produced some magic moments. The normally steady Yugal defence began their biggest lesson in back pedalling when wave after wave of Melita



Paul Burrows continued his fine form before being substituted during the Avala and Inter-Monaro match.

forwards kept coming at them.

A fine combination between Allan and Duarte saw the later free on the right by-line and his cross to the unmarked Allan was headed wide.

McKie began the rot in the 16th minute. He received the ball from Griffiths on the left side of goal and skilfully slotted it past the stranded Berry.

Yugal replied minutes later. From a corner Rokodera headed the ball down for McIntosh, who with his back to the goal, let fly with a volley which McPherson saved.

Duarte made it 2-0 when he latched onto a cross from Williams who made a dashing overlapping run. The role reversed in the 31st minute when Duarte supplied the ball to Williams and he successfully chipped the goalkeeper to make it 3-0.

Yugal pegged one back in the 33rd minute. McPherson failed to parry a high corner and the ball fell to Rokodera who passed it Zivkovic and his shot was handled on the line by McPherson. McIntosh converted the penalty.

A fine team movement in the 39th minute resulted in Griffiths supplying the final pass to Duarte who gave Berry no chance from close range.

Rokodera almost pegged one back for the visitors after he ran on to a through ball and his shot was stopped by McPherson and cleared by a defender.

Minutes after the interval Allan scored from close range following a pass from McKie.

The remainder of the game was largely dominated by Melita but on a number of times they failed to capitalise on opportunities in front of goal.

MELITA: McPherson, Williams, Cross, McAusland, McGinn, Griffiths, Duarte, Jamieson, Allan, Farrugia (Fogarty 76), McKie.

YUGAL: Berry, Turkoglu, Forrester, McIntosh, Clarke, Pahor, Gogic (Banjac 54), Mihaljovic, Rokodera, Tanoski, Zivkovic.

GOALS: Melita (Duarte 26, 39, McKie 16, Williams 31, Allan 56), Yugal (Rokodera 33).

CHASERS CHASE LEADERS

KU-RING-GAI collected two valuable points in their consolidation of a spot in the top four following a 1-0 win over Auburn at Mona Park.

The game was played in rugged style and the standard of play suffered because of this. Playing conditions were cold and windy and this didn't help.

Goalkeepers were rarely tested with any clear cut opportunities... bar the goal that was scored in the ninth minute. Leak gained possession inside the area, Regan received the ball on the right and his delicately floated cross was headed into goal by Eaton who was unmarked on the far post.

After this goal the game was largely fought through the midfield combinations of both sides. No side was in total control and consequently the scoreline remained the same.

AUBURN: Bowman, Kelly, McKendrick, Planinic, Kilkelly (McDonald 45), Jones, Roberts, Quigley, Townson, Carney, Allen.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern, Hammond, Bertram, Robertson, Berry, Knight, Brockbank (Chaloner 87), Eaton, Leak.

GOALS: Ku-Ring-Gai (Eaton 9).

POLONIA CRUSH BERRIES

POLONIA recorded their best win of the season after they comprehensively crushed Cant-M'ville 6-1 at Chopin Park.

Canterbury started the match determinedly and Thamnidis was rewarded with a fine individual goal after he turned inside three opposing defenders.

Polonia applied pressure after this and levelled terms in the 10th minute. Tracey scored from the penalty spot after a Canterbury defender handled inside the area.

Polonia went further ahead due to the combined passing efforts between Irak Garlowski and Kowalczyk with the latter scoring from a close range.

In the 35th minute Ziggy Garlowski passed the ball to the unmarked Kowalczyk, he sprinted up field and cracked the return pass in to goal from 15mtrs.

Kowalczyk and Irak Garlowski combined once again and the ensuing cross from this movement was nodded in to the back of the net by Thomas.

Canterbury started the second half in a more determined style and continually pushed forward in attack but they didn't maintain this throughout.

In the 60th minute Kowalczyk latched on to a loose ball inside the area and smashed it into goal. Ziggy Garlowski sealed the rout with a skilful goal following an entertaining build-up from Tracey and Kowalczyk.

It was a whole-hearted team effort from all the Polonia players with Kowalczyk, Svigel, Thomas and Barker standing out.

In the disappointing Canterbury side Thamnidis was dangerous in attack and Laing never gave up the fight in midfield.

POLONIA: Barker, I.Garlowski, Svigel, Geekie, Galas, Tracey, Kowalczyk, Z.Garlowski, Ortega, Thomas, Smith (Vines 10).

CANT-M'VILLE: El Zein, Hantzis, Andreou, Binos, Anagnostopoulos, Laing, Vassiliou, Hall, Theodorakopoulos, Thamnidis, Basterfield, Tizzone, Philipou.

GOALS: Polonia (Kowalczyk 20,60, Ziggy Garlowski 35,68, Tracey 10, Thomas 40), Cant-M'ville (Thamnidis 6).

TABLES

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	14	9	4	1	27	7	22
Melita	14	9	2	3	27	9	20
Blacktown	13	10	0	3	29	13	20
Ku-Ring-Gai	13	6	5	2	17	12	17
Avala	13	5	5	3	17	14	15
Manly	14	5	4	5	20	21	14
Sutherland	12	5	3	4	17	14	13
Inter-Monaro	13	4	4	5	19	18	12
Yugal	13	3	5	5	14	21	11
Polonia	13	3	4	6	19	26	10
Cant-M'ville	14	4	1	9	19	30	9
Bankstown	14	2	2	10	17	37	6
Auburn	12	1	1	10	13	33	3

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	13	11	2	0	38	9	24
Melita	14	7	5	2	46	28	19
Sutherland	11	9	0	2	37	7	18
Manly	14	8	2	4	38	19	18
Ku-Ring-Gai	12	5	6	1	27	10	16
Bankstown	12	6	4	2	24	18	16
Croatia	14	5	4	5	23	23	14
Auburn	12	4	3	5	22	26	11
Avala	13	4	3	6	24	28	11
Cant-M'ville	14	3	1	10	17	35	7
Yugal	13	2	3	8	14	53	7
Polonia	13	1	3	9	10	37	5
Inter-Monaro	13	0	2	11	9	36	2

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cant-M'ville	13	9	4	0	23	5	22
Manly	13	9	2	4	34	17	16
Polonia	12	8	0	4	14	15	16
Melita	12	5	5	2	26	14	15
Sutherland	10	7	0	3	30	12	14
Croatia	11	4	5	2	22	15	13
Blacktown	12	4	4	4	22	15	12
Ku-Ring-Gai	12	3	3	5	14	21	9
Auburn	11	3	3	5	14	24	9
Bankstown	10	2	3	5	14	18	7
Avala	12	2	2	8	14	30	6
Yugal	12	0	1	11	8	49	1

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rockdale	15	10	2	3	33	19	22
Gladesville	14	9	3	2	28	20	21
Warr-N'been	13	7	4	2	25	13	18
Fairy Meadow	14	7	4	3	23	17	18
Wollongong Utd	14	6	5	3	24	15	17
Rev Workers	14	4	8	2	30	23	16
Penrith Utd	13	5	5	3	22	14	15
Dee Why	12	6	3	4	21	21	15
Artarmon	14	6	2	6	27	24	14
Blacktown Utd	14	3	4	6	12	14	10
Uni of NSW	15	3	4	8	14	21	10
Nth Bankstown	13	3	3	7	23	23	9
Parra City	15	1	5	9	12	32	7
Belmore	15	0	4	10	10	46	4

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	14	9	4	1	32	14	22
Gladesville	14	9	3	2	40	9	21
Rev Workers	14	9	1	4	35	18	19

Wollongong Utd	14	9	1	4	37	28	19
Warr-N'been	13	6	5	2	24	10	17
Parra City	15	6	3	6	21	30	15
Penrith Utd	12	6	2	4	27	13	14
Nth Bankstown	12	5	4	3	20	17	14
Artarmon	14	5	1	8	25	36	11
Rockdale	15	4	2	9	20	30	10
Blacktown Utd	14	3	2	9	16	33	8
Belmore	15	3	2	10	18	37	8
Dee Why	13	3	2	8	11	25	8
Uni of NSW	15	3	2	10	12	38	8

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	14	13	0	1	54	13	26
Penrith Utd	11	9	1	1	38	14	19
Dee Why	13	8	2	3	24	15	18
Uni of NSW	15	7	4	4	26	19	18
Gladesville	14	6	5	3	31	20	17
Parra City	15	6	3	6	20	25	15
Warr-N'been	13	5	3	5	22	22	13
Nth Bankstown	12	5	2	5	25	24	12
Blacktown Utd	14	4	4	6	23	28	12
Rockdale	15	4	4	7	16	32	12
Artarmon	14	4	2	8	29	41	10
Wollongong Utd	13	2	4	7	17	28	8
Belmore	15	3	2	10	18	27	8
Revesby	14	1	2	11	8	43	4

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bathurst '75	12	8	2	2	22	7	18
Nth Ryde	13	8	2	3	22	13	18
Queens Park	10	7	2	1	21	8	16
C'town City	10	5	4	1	24	12	14
Bondi Marine	11	4	4	3	20	12	12
Gladesville	11	5	2	4	13	13	12
Mt Druiitt Twn	12	4	4	4	15	17	12
Liverpool	11	2	4	5	12	15	8
Kingsford	9	2	3	4	11	18	7
Lane Cove Utd	11	2	3	6	12	25	7
CSI	10	2	0	8	10	21	4
B'ikham Hills	10	1	0	9	10	28	2

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth Ryde	13	6	4	3	19	17	16
Mt Druiitt Twn	12	6	3	3	23	14	15
Nth Bankstown	10	6	2	2	20	12	14
Bondi Marine	11	5	4	2	22	15	14
Gladesville	11	5	3	3	22	16	13
CSI	10	4	3	3	24	15	11
Liverpool Utd	11	4	3	4	11	8	11
Queens Park	10	4	4	2	12	14	8
B'ikham Hills	10	2	4	4	15	18	8
Bathurst '75	12	2	3	7	14	21	7
Lane Cove Utd	11	2	3	6	13	27	7
Kingsford	9	1	4	4	15	32	6

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville Hby	11	9	2	0	29	7	20
C'town City	10	8	1	1	27	8	17
Queens Park	10	7	1	2	32	8	15
Baulkham Hills	10	6	2	2	23	6	14
CSI	10	5	2	3	22	21	12
Bathurst	12	5	2	5	21	22	12
Kingsford	9	4	1	4	9	14	9
Bondi Marine	10	3	3	5	16	23	9
Liverpool	10	3	2	6	21	15	8
Mt Druiitt Twn	11	3	2	6	16	22	8
Nth Ryde	12	1	1	11	18	39	3
Lane Cove Utd	9	0	1	8	4	53	1

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

BY PHIL MURPHY

WARRAWONG club could be in big trouble if there is any further strife at their games following an attempt by a spectator to attack referee Peter Gleeson.

The incident took place after the recent Warrawong-Aris first division game at Darcy Wentworth Park.

Late in the second half, Gleeson disallowed a Warrawong goal and just before the final whistle Aris scored a goal to win 1-0.

Gleeson was attacked as he walked from the field but officials quickly pulled the spectator away.

The man, a former Warrawong player, ap-

peared at a district inquiry and apologised to Gleeson.

The Illawarra executive told Warrawong officials if there are any further disturbances at their games they will face a heavy penalty.

Gleeson, who was involved in civil action against an assailant previously, said he will not be taking legal action over this incident.

His decision didn't go down well with other

NORTHERN NSW

TWO DEFENSIVE errors by Tamworth City allowed Weston to narrow the gap on Northern NSW leaders Adamstown.

Weston scored in the first half through Jack Turnbull and Dave Miller, then defended strongly when Tamworth made great efforts to get back into the game after the interval.

Weston's win takes the Bears to within a point of Adamstown who were held to an exciting 0-0 draw by Hamilton Red Star at Mayfield Park.

The game was crammed with goalmouth incidents and near misses lacking only goals... with rival goalkeepers outstanding.

Belmont Swansea moved into fourth place on the points table with a 2-1 win over Maitland at Blacksmith Park.

RESULTS

Lake Macquarie (Gilbert) beat Highfield Azurri 0; Weston 2 (Turnbull, Miller) beat Tamworth City 0; Hamilton Red Star 0 drew with Adamstown 0; Central Coast 1 (Corbertt) drew with West Wallsend 1 (Durgott); Belmont Swansea 2 (Boot, Harrower) beat Maitland (Sellers).

INTER URBAN - DIVISION 5

Jedinstvo Utd v Argent. Lid/Utd	0-6	2-1
Castle Hill v Santiago Wands	12-0	2-0
Concord Juniors v Liverpool Utd	2-0	0-1
Wecome Sports v Lansvale United	4-1	4-0

Inter Urban 1st-5th Division Points

GRADE 1: Pt Hacking 19, Fairfield Kiev 17, King Tomislav 16, Maroubra Utd 15, Nineveh Eagles 13, Fairfield West 12, Eastern Creek 11, Sydney Uni 11, Hurst-Zagreb 11, Spanish Club 9, Concordia 7, Wenty Waratahs 3.

GRADE 2: Maroubra Utd 20, Fairfield West 19, Pt Hacking 17, Sydney Uni 15, King Tomislav 14, Eastern Creek 12, Nineveh Eagles 11, Concordia 10, Spanish Club 9, Hurst-Zagreb 8, Fairfield Kiev 7, Wenty Waratahs 2.

GRADE 1: Campbelltown Gunn's 13, Eastwood 13, Chelsea 12, Moorebank 11, Tras Sports 10, West St George 9, Pagewood 9, Sydney Maccabi 9, Padstow 9, Chile Sports 9, West Utd 2.

GRADE 2: Campbelltown Gunn's 19, Chelsea 14, Moorebank 13, Pagewood 13, Eastwood 12, West St George 10, Padstow Park 9, Sydney Maccabi 8, Tras Sports 4, Chile Sports 1, West Utd 1.

GRADE 1: Macarthur Utd 17, Macquarie Uni 14, Ryde 12, Green Valley 12, Robins 11, Hawkes Dist 11, Blacktown Wands 9, Haberfield 8, Liverpool City 7, Smithfield 6, Revesby Rovers 1.

GRADE 2: Ryde 19, Liverpool City 15, Macquarie Uni 14, Robins 14, Green Valley 11, Macarthur Utd 10, Smithfield 8, Hawkes Dist 6, Revesby Rovers 5, Blacktown Wand's 4, Haberfield 2.

GRADE 1: Rosebery 18, Murray Farm 17, Rangers Hajduk 16, Nepean 14, Hellas Poseidon 14, Chullora 14, Colo Colo 12, Dulwich Hill 11, Lithgow Workers 8, Sth Sydney 8, Blacktown Workers 8, Liverpool Rangers 8.

SECOND GRADE: Rosebery 22, Dulwich Hill 20, Rangers Hajduk 18, Hellas Poseidon 18, Murray Farm 17, Nepean 12, Blacktown Workers 12, Liverpool Rangers 9, Chullora 8, Colo Colo 7, Sth Sydney 3, Lithgow Workers 0.

FIRST GRADE: Welcome Sports 20, Concord Juniors 18, Castle Hill 17, Liverpool Utd 13, Argentinian L/U 12, Jedinstro 9, Sans Souci 8, Santiago Wand's 5, Lansvale 4, St Mary's 2.

SECOND GRADE: Castle Hill 22, Welcome Sports 20, Concord Juniors 16, Liverpool Utd 16, St Mary's 11, Lansvale Utd 9, Sans Souci 5, Santiago Wand's 5, Argentinian L/U 4, Jedinstvo 2.

members of the Referees' Association as they feel the only way to stamp out attacks on referees is to make an example of those who do it.

Coniston coach Robert Fryer still has his sense of humour...

Things haven't gone too well for his team this season, mainly because the forwards can't score goals but everything came right against Fernhill.

They beat second-placed Fernhill 5-1 at Kelly Park even though they missed a penalty.

"We didn't actually miss it; it was a planned move," said Fryer.

"Brian Condran took the kick, goalkeeper Alan Duncan saved it and pushed it out for a corner and we scored from the corner.

"We've been practising that move at training for weeks."

Former Welsh school-boy international Neil Williams will play out the season with Premier League Russell Vale.

Williams is on loan from State League Avala and will be a big asset to Russell Vale.

Gary Masters' side relies a lot on strong running and bustling the opposition but Williams will add a touch of skill to the midfield.

Russell Vale beat Tarawanna 1-0 in Williams' debut, Cliff Scott getting the winner 30 seconds into injury time.

They are now in a handy position to get into the top four — something they never thought possible at the start of the season.

No wonder West-Figtree officials were tearing their hair recently.

When they played Bulli in a Saturday Premier League fixture, they decided the main ground at Graham Park had been chopped up a bit by the under 19 and reserve grade games.

The first grade game was played on the number two ground to protect the surface of the main pitch.

That seemed a sensible idea with so much rain about but imagine how of-

ficials felt when they saw social games being played there in pouring rain on Sunday morning.

Naturally the surface on the main ground was left in a quagmire — a shame really because Graham Park has been in good shape this season and most visiting teams have said they have been able to play good football there.

Seventeen-year-old John Krajnovic is pressing regular goalkeeper Warwick Young hard for his place in the Fairy Meadow side.

The youngster was in first grade at the start of the season when Young was returning from an overseas holiday and did well.

Since then he has shown outstanding form in reserve grade and looks to have a big future.

Club secretary Walter Chichkan, himself a former State League keeper, says Krajnovic looks a top prospect.

With Fairy Meadow up near the top in all three grades, they have plenty of other talented youngsters on the way up.

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COME ON DOC, COME ON!

SYDNEY Olympic's Tommy Docherty admits he is "interested" in the glamour position of Manchester City manager — but insists he has NOT applied for the job.

The Sunday Express's James Mossop, chairman

of the English Football Writers Association, interviewed The Doc during England's tour of Australia.

Mossop's readable article is reprinted here for ASW readers:

'It does not seem right for Doc. There is no passion for soccer here. He sees his part-timers only three evenings a week.'

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COMEBACK!

'Doc' wants that Maine Road job

JAMES MOSSOP
reports from Australia

FINDING paradise and Tommy Docherty at the same instant surely qualifies for some special merit award. But in the dazzling setting of Sydney harbour, looking out over the spectacular bridge and beyond that to the opera house glinting in the bright winter sun, a third famous sight is at my elbow—The Doc.

Upon a white tablecloth, the huge platter of exquisite sea food is joined by wine that is the pride of the Hunter Valley and Docherty is as amusing and as irrepressible as ever.

He lives in Sydney, in a rented house on the Maroubra beach with Mary Brown, the woman he longs to marry, and their children Grace (3½), and Lucy (one) and he manages the semi-professionals of the soccer club, Sydney Olympic.

CAREFUL

It is a good job. They train in the evenings and a few days ago Tommy was popping up on breakfast TV talking us through the progress of the Australian youth team in Mexico.

But for all the sun and sea and waving palms, he wrote a careful letter to Manchester City yesterday. It will not have arrived yet. When it does, he will say that if, as he has heard, they are looking for a manager, he would be a shade more than interested.

He is missing England, the out-and-thrust of football management in the great League, the spotlight that made him a lovely contro-

At 55, and 12,000 miles away, the frustrations are building up. It is easy for him to recall his playing days with Scotland, Preston North End and Arsenal and a succession of jobs as manager that included Aston Villa, Queen's Park Rangers, Chelsea, Rotherham, Manchester United and places further afield.

Manchester United was the pinnacle and he was sacked in 1977 and falling in love with Mary, who was the wife of the club physiotherapist.

He loves United. He could rip and roar with them and the crowd and the club responded. He and the club needed each other. He watched them defeat Brighton in the FA Cup Final last month and remembered his team's win over Liverpool.

"That team could have done much more," he said. He rasped out the names of the players and gazed across

the water making his own waves of nostalgia. Then he came back to the present to the Aussie isolation. "It's not a worry to me if I don't get another job. I have a little saying that what ever will be, will be. I feel that if I cannot get a job in England, they must be well off for managers."

CONTRACT

"I have a good club here. I came here in January and although I have a two-year contract, they have said that if anything in England crops up, they would release me."

The other night my telephone never stopped ringing. There were calls from Manchester City saying that Manchester City were interested in me, but they would not appoint anyone who had not applied. That's when I decided to write the letter.

"I think I am good at taking over a club and building from nothing. In England now, getting free-transfer players must be a great challenge. You like to move in and snatch

them. An English club today with a sensible youth policy and a sensible wage structure could start a new era. "I have always believed in reasonable wages and good bonuses. So that the rewards come when they have done something."

"When I was at QPR the chairman, Jim Gregory, believed in a sliding wage system. In a sliding wage system, the so much if you were in the first team, less if you were in the reserves. I asked him about the third team and he said, 'Forget it. If they are bad, sack them.'"

"I remember when I was a player at Preston and I went to see the chairman. I was being paid £14 in the season and £10 in the summer. Tom Finney was being paid £14 all the year round. I said I wanted the same as Tom, but the chairman argued that I was not as good a player. I said I was in the summer! I got a rise."

The wisecracks were coming faster. We discussed his astonishing number of jobs. Why so many? The Doc, as usual, had an answer or two. It was, he said, because he was a valuable commodity. But he confessed: "There have been occasions when I have been silly and lost my job. I cannot blame it all on other people."

"Bill Shankly had several jobs because he was a great manager. It must be lovely for

TOMMY DOCHERTY... he misses English football.

family and home life to be like Bob Paisley and Sir Matt Busby and have jobs for 40 years. But that Liverpool job seems too permanent for me."

It was good to see Tommy again. He remains one of football's most enduring characters. He has never lost that Gorbals knack of laughing at himself.

PROGRESS

The mere thought that he could become Manchester City's manager would be enough to frighten those who run Manchester United. For "The Doc" is distinctly a man of the people—a manager whose communion with the fans and the players creates an atmosphere of lively progress.

At United, he generated a fervour. He bought nobodies

like Jim Holton, from Shrewsbury. Steve Coppell, from Tranmere Rovers, and promoted and pushed those excellent full-backs, Jimmy Nicholl and Arthur Albiston. "It must be the only ground in the world where there is a special atmosphere when the place is empty," he sighed. Sydney is beautiful and smart, but it does not seem right for Tommy Docherty. There is no passion for soccer here. He sees his part-timers only three evenings a week. "The job reminds me of the time when I was Scotland's manager," he says. "Between international matches I used to sit in Park Gardens, Glasgow, counting the pigeons." He left to go to a training session. There is still a bounce in his stride. His letter is on its way and I wonder if he will be following it... The Flying Doc!



Graham Arnold (inset) pictured above in a recent game against his old side Cant-M'ville as he rises to head the ball.

SPEED, STRENGTH in the air, a quick turn, supporting his team-mates and a hunger for goals are just a couple of the skills that Croatia striker Graham Arnold possesses.

Born in August 1963 Graham started playing Soccer at the age of five for local team Gwolley Bay, where he continued to play with until he was 14.

During this period Graham represented the Sutherland Shire in their representative sides from 1971 to 1977 and subsequently was selected for

the NSW teams in 1976 and '77.

No doubt a highlight of his junior career was being in the NSW side that successfully won the Australian Championships in Adelaide in 1976.

At the age of 12 Graham was also selected in the NSW Primary Schoolboys side. That team boasted players like Gary Philips (Sydney Olympic), Paul Carter, Ian Gray (Leichhardt), Rod Brown (Marconi) and Graham Fletcher (Sydney City).

At 16 Graham played for Cant-M'ville in third grade and consequently worked his way through the ranks. Playing in first grade for the Berries last year Graham was leading goalscorer in the State League with 16 goals.

Last season Graham trialed with the current Australian Youth side, but was forced out of the squad due to the age restrictions. Unfortunately for him he fell over the age limit by a number of days.

This year Croatia were quick to sign him and he has slotted into this strong side with a great deal of ease and maturity.

I asked Graham which defenders he has most difficulty with in the State League?

"When I was playing against my current team-mate Bruno Vidaic he never gave me room to turn and consequently was an extremely tight marker."

"Schuman from Sutherland is also in the same mould and when you play against Dave McIntosh from Yugal you know you



RISEING STAR

GRAHAM ARNOLD

have played a Soccer game. He never gives anything in the air and is very hard on the ground," Graham said.

Club secretary Tony Basic holds Graham in the highest regard.

"We are very pleased with the way he has slotted into the side as are our supporters. He is a complete team player, unselfish and his attitude is excellent for his age," Mr Basic said.

First grade team manager Vince Rezoalso emphasised that Graham is improving with each performance and he can comfortably handle any position in the front line.

This was evident fol-

lowing injuries to regular first grade players Wally Savor and Peter Hensman.

Like every young player on the move, Graham has been nursed through his Soccer days.

He was very thankful for the help he recieved at Canterbury and was quick to thank Ross Brown for his continued support. Max Groll, his third grade coach in 1980,

advised him on his faults and polished up his skills and Ron Corry, first grade coach last year, nursed him through his first year in grade with a great deal of support.

"I am very happy playing at Croatia and I want to win the competition this year. Hopefully if I can continue to score more goals I will be recognised and maybe play a higher grade," Graham

said.

No doubt the higher grade he is aiming for is representative honors. If he continues on the path of success Graham Arnold is one player who has the ability, strength and temperament to reach these goals and firmly stamp himself on the Soccer map.

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

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Vlatko Belic (centre) pictured in recent game for Footscray.

FOOTSCRAY SURVIVAL PAY-OFF

By PETER DESIRA

THE hard work that Footscray's backroom crew has put in at the start of the season is starting to pay off with improved performances from the younger members of the side.

And coach Bobby McLachlan is optimistic that results will continue to improve as a result of the new found confidence among the squad.

"The team is still a long long way from what I'd like us to be but one can't be too impatient or too demanding," he said.

"We've worked hard on the younger players like Kyri Kyriakoules, Vlatko Belic, and Suleiman Curovic and they have done a fine job for us.

"Belic in particular has improved out of sight and if he maintains his form should even be in the running for a spot in the national squad.

"We're going along nicely in our own humble way.

"But the improvement in every facet of the club over the past six weeks has been reflected in the attitude.

"On the park stopping goals was our first big aim and we've done well only conceding four in six matches. From that we can start on getting forward a lot more and I am really pleased with the way Jamie Paton and Joe Carroll are starting to work together up front.

"Paton has been out injured for two weeks but the pair will do well for us the way they compliment each other with the runs they make.

"Off the park the club has got the permit for the social club building - it is no longer talk and the stumps have already gone in for the work to start.

"And the ground has

been levelled off for the two training pitches beside the main park - these

are all the start of things which in a year's time will be there for the club."

14-ACRE SITE FOR JUVENTUS

BRUNSWICK Juventus have at last found a home of their own in Victoria Street, Brunswick. This means they will be

By FRED VILLIERS

vacating the comfort of Olympic Park next year when they move to their 14 acre site.

But before they move

the Italian-sponsored club will be looking to build up their ground promotion fund to \$250,000 - the cost of the first stage of the project.

With Juventus in second place in the State League, committeemen and supporters are getting excited about winning the league.

WINNING EDGE

Heidelberg-Bundoora believe they've found the winning edge now they have sponsorship from Balwyn's new sports fitness centre.

The new Winning Edge health centre opened this week and celebrated by sponsoring the Metropolitan League division three club presenting them with 30 track suits.

The suits will include the Winning Edge logo as well as the club's badge and will help promote the centre when the Heidelberg-

Bundoora club play competition games.

Coach John 'Shocker' Myles says: "The sponsorship has come at the right time. We have just had one big disappointment with our previous coach.

"This is a great lift for the club and we hope their sponsorship will give us the winning edge."

Carol Harrop, the Winning Edge promotions executive, is delighted to have the Soccer connection.

She's not entirely a



Graham Tutill: forced out of the team through injury.

Injuries to Zdravko Lujic and Graham Tutill - apart from Paton - have forced McLachlan to promote Tom Karic earlier than expected but the coach says the young striker has worked hard for his chance and may well prove to be a revelation.

With things generally looking up, avoiding relegation in the National League should not be an impossible target for the

club.

If that is achieved, McLachlan will have time before the start of next season to strengthen the side even further and give the club its best showing ever in top company.

POOR CROWD — SHEEAN

ASF commercial director Peter Sheean expressed disappointment at the size of the crowd for the third Test between Australia and England at Olympic Park in Melbourne.

The official attendance figure was 13,900 making it the lowest crowd of the three match series.

Sydney had 28,008 and Brisbane just under 15,000.

"The crowd was a disap-

pointment considering the quality of the opposition," Sheean said.

"We had reasonably good weather, the match had a good build up, we presented a successful Australian team but we had no spectators.

Sheean added no official figures will be available for a few weeks and refused to speculate on how the ASF would fare on the whole tour.

But reliable sources say that the Federation is likely to come out of the series with a big loss.

Asked whether this will affect plans for future tours by other Soccer powers, Sheean said: "Obviously we have to assess the present situation and you always have to take reality into account."

— Peter Desira



Peter Sheean

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CLUB WANTED

Former South American midfield striker Chris Jerez, 21, is back in Melbourne looking for a club.

Jerez who had a spell with Prahran Slavia before going overseas would like to play for a State League side. He can be contacted on 798 6182.

THANK GOD FOR THE SALVOS.

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JULY 3RD.



GORMAN LEAVES

Northcote City left back, Jeff Gorman, has returned to his native Ireland and has now left the State League club with a vacancy for a visa player.

Gorman returned because he was home sick and failed to settle in Australia. It was his second spell here in four months.

Northcote manager-coach Tony Vrzina probably will now take advantage of Gorman's departure by replacing him with a top striker from England.

stranger to Soccer. Her brother, Ricky, plays for Heidelberg-Bundoora reserves who are on top of their division.

And Ricky has had something to do with the team's success. He's their top goalscorer.



ANGRY AROK ANSWERS

THE England series has come and gone and now the Soccer sceptics are having a post-mortem.

Australia played three very hard internationals against England's full-time professionals for two draws and one loss.

What do those results mean to Australia?

Had anyone had the guts to predict these results BEFORE England arrived, most Australians, the Press included, would have thought him mad.

But now that the smoke has cleared from the battle-grounds of Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, certain sections of the Press and the Soccer public are not satisfied.

Australia's manager, Frank Arok, the man responsible for bringing about these results with his Australian team, has been hit hard... in fact viciously in some quarters. In months, or even years to come, these results will still remain firm in the record books.

Results that were far more impressive than those we achieved against New Zealand earlier this year, not to mention the complete fiasco Australia made of the 1982 World Cup elimination matches with New Zealand.

And that was New Zealand, not England. New Zealand spanked our backsides too many times, including twice on our home ground.

This completely smashed our international Soccer credibility.

Now we have Frank Arok under siege, being hit with criticism such as "...He's put Australian Soccer behind 20 years."

Another..."Arok has put us back 50 years."

After two weeks of being bombarded with severe flak in print as well as on television, I felt we should hear something from Arok himself, and better still, something from his playing staff who served Australia.

I contacted Arok for a few comments regarding the flak he has received.

EXCLUSIVE

AROK answered angrily: "I did my job to the best of my ability, under the prevailing circumstances."

"From the beginning, I was on a hiding to nothing."

"All I was concerned about was that Australian Soccer did not take another battering from a team as mighty as England."

Arok was correct.

Instead of looking for personal glory, he was solely concerned about Australia's image. As things turned out after each match, Australia proved they were able to hold England, and gradually confidence was built up inside every player in the national squad.

A look of stability, reliability and confidence was creeping into the team which has been non-existent for the past three years.

Another aspect gradually was surfacing... pride. Something again that was missing for too long.

I asked Arok a few questions on the series:

Q: You have copped a lot of flak over the way you handled Australia against England. If you had your time over again, what would you have done?

A: "Nothing different at all. You see Australia was rebuilding her image."

"And we had to do this against England. This was our foundation and we just had to start somewhere."

Q: In your opinion, who were Australia's top three performers over the three Test series?

A: "Nobody. Not one, two or even three. All the players were just marvellous. I could not ask for anything more from them. What I asked or demanded, I got fully back from them. I was very satisfied which is not usual for me."

"Don't ask me for individual performers because there weren't any. Every one of those kids died for Australia out

there."

"Look at my captain-striker, Kosmina. He has never chased and picked up like he did for Australia. His work-rate was outstanding against class opposition. Greedy, just great. Katholos, Watson, Yankos, Davidson, Ratcliffe, Cant, the two O'Connors, all of them. They died for the Green and Gold. I will not pick out one, or two. Every one did his job."

Arok had become heated at this point.

Heated because he fully believed what he was saying and was getting frustrated that all others from media and public, could, or would, not see it as he did.

I continued my questioning of this demanding, professional man who is rarely satisfied with performances. But for once he was very angry.

Q: But surely there has to be at least one player who may have stood out just a little above the rest in the three matches?

A red-hot Arok answered:

A: "Look. I am not everybody's cup of tea."

"Never have been and never will be. But when I tell you I was satisfied by each one of my players, I mean just that. Do you understand?"

Q: OK Frank, we understand. Well how about something that impressed you about England?

Much calmer, Arok slowly came back with:

A: "I detected easily their positive attitude."

"You from the grandstand would not see or sense it. But from the

sideline it is a different show. Their attitude you can feel strongly in the air. They fought like mad dogs. They are real pros... all of them. You can smell it when you are close to them. You can smell their hate for their opponent. They want to kill. Even their manager, Robson. He is a hardened

They were not prepared for a strong resistance. "After Sydney, they expected us to crack in Brisbane or even Melbourne, but we didn't."

Q: What England players impressed you?

A: "Come on. Look at that Shilton and Francis. They were so professional, so impressive. And



Alan Davidson... one of our top performers.

pro. He got upset with everything and with every result. He is a winner.

"He wants blood and never relaxed at all."

"His anger showed all the time."

"I would say he was like all his players, caught by surprise by Australia. They had seen videos of us against New Zealand but it was a different story this time round."

Lee, and Walsh and Barham in Sydney. Fighters. Pros."

Q: In the Sydney game, I felt you handled Australia well. In Brisbane, Australia looked a little more confident and in Melbourne much more confident. I felt that in the last match, especially in the second half, you could have gone for a win by bringing on

COMMENTS

ing up front to Walsh and Francis? Brilliant.

"Their strikers would set off for runs, knowing the type of ball that would be come from the back, and knowing where they would go."

"This awareness by their strikers gave them the drive to push forward to the right space."

"In Melbourne, it was a different ball game. We had gathered confidence and knowledge."

"England were stronger and quicker than us. Don't worry about that. We had to play to our capabilities."

Kosmina then cut loose about the criticisms by the Press:

"The mere fact that England came to Australia was a benefit to us. A benefit do you understand?"

"I think back on those three matches and have no regrets at all. It was very hard work."

"We were the babies as far as international Soccer is

concerned."

Kosmina added: "As far as Arok is concerned, the stick he copped he didn't deserve."

"I liked his training. I liked the respect he showed us, treating us like adults not kids."

"The two weeks we had in camp with him were excellent. A great experience."

"Who else has played England three times in one week?"

"Playing New Zealand was absolutely no comparison. None whatsoever," Australia's captain ended.



DEFENDER, centre-back, David Ratcliffe, had this to say: "Arok

CIRCUS BREAD OR SOCCER?

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE World Cup series, to be held in Mexico in the month of May, 1986, could be the greatest football circus ever staged. . . or a complete shambles.

Mitchell to help Kosmina, pulling off a midfielder and pushing Ratcliffe out of the back-five and into the mid-field?

Arok's red-hot anger was back in a second.

A: "You, like many other people, are playing chess. You are theorising.

"No. I would not take off anybody. It would have been an insult to take anyone off. Against strong international, explosive opposition, it would have taken Mitchell at least half an hour to get into the game. The rhythm etc. It would have been suicide. Dangerous.

"As I said before, it would have been an insult, to any of the Australian players, to be taken off."

Q: What were some of the startling differences you could feel between your players and the England players?

A: "The very big difference is their experience. They meet strong opposition all the time. Our players don't. The pressure on them all the time makes them better players.

"Experience is such a vital commodity. You can't buy it. We need that experience. Constantly."

Q: What disappointed you about England?

A: "The fact that they basically didn't try anything really different against us in the last two matches after they had a good look at us in Sydney.

"I was fully expecting a great change in approach from them in Brisbane and Melbourne. They were stereotyped. They didn't change their tactics greatly."

Q: Obviously you are

going to make some recommendations to the ASF now for the future of Australia Soccer. What will they be?

A: "Yes, I will. But only to the ASF not to the Press. It is a very private matter, serious and highly confidential at this stage."

Q: After three grueling battles against full-time pros, were you not concerned about your players' endurance, stamina or fitness over those eight days?

A: "No I wasn't. Before the series began I was a little worried. But during the week I monitored very closely everyone's freshness. The day before the last game, I ordered no training at all. I concentrated on lifting their enthusiasm. We were fit and that was evident in all the matches. In fact we pressurised them in the Melbourne international in the last 20 minutes."

Q: Looking back over the series, how do you feel personally? The anger was back again, but more controlled:

A: "I have not had time to think back. My mind is fully focussed on St George and nothing else. I have a job to do and St George have their next three consecutive games away."

Whether you agree or not, whether right or wrong, this man Arok did a job... lifting Australia's image from the bottom of a hill to gain some respectability against an enemy... that enemy being England.

Arok knew there would be no accolades for him from the beginning. As he said — he was on a hiding to nothing.

did a great job but then again I knew he would because we know him well from St George.

"He picked the few weaknesses that Eng-

land showed glimpses of and he worked us in this area. He got the players fully behind him because they trusted his ability."



MIDFIELDER Joe Watson, an ex-full-time pro in Scotland said: "I was most disappointed by the local Press not getting behind us.

"As far as the heat Arok has copped, all I can say is that the two weeks I was in the

Australian training camp under him, was magnificent experience.

"Ask any of the Australian squad members. The team spirit he built up was just tremendous. It was the highest for an Australian team for a very long time.

"He was very hard on us all, but fair.

"Players knew this, felt this and responded in the correct way.

"Arok was all right, don't worry about that."

Summing up... we are known as a nation of knockers. What a pity some people don't think a little before producing reckless statements, especially people who make a living from the game they cut to pieces.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

This is the leading question the world is now asking after the failure of Colombia and Brazil to stage the series.

The Mexicans have had a great deal of practice staging World Cup Final series having held the "big one" in 1970 and the recent World Youth Cup Finals.

They are supremely confident they can succeed in 1986 despite many mistakes made at the recent Youth Cup.

But how can a country that owes 82 billion dollars to the international monetary fund stage this great event?

How indeed! There's 40 percent below employment in Mexico — people who work but don't get paid enough money to live on.

The nation is on the brink of political anarchy with a left wing faction increasing and getting more restless every day.

It was a communist demonstration that stopped the Australian team coach on the way to the Azteca Stadium for the opening game.

Already the signs are out in Mexico City — give us bread not football.

Inflation is rife and the exchange rate is fluctuating every day with an American dollar buying 150 Mexican pesos.

And while the peso changes numbers, the dollar prices remain the same, making it a paradise for the tourists but very difficult for the locals.

For example a double room at the world-rated Camino Real Hotel costs only \$52, breakfast at this establishment costs \$3 and a chateaubriand dinner in a candlelight room \$11 with a bottle of Mexican cabernet thrown in for a dollar and a half.

This is marvellous for the tourists but it is reckoned by the time the 1986 Finals come around prices will skyrocket — like Spain last year.

Despite their present financial difficulties the Mexican Government fully endorsed the 1986 series.

Obviously the Government is hoping the series will unite what is increasingly becoming a divided country.

This happened in Argentina in 1978 — Mexico hope it will hap-

pen there in 1986.

World Cup Final series will be the privately owned television company TELEVISIA.

This company also owns Mexico's most famous Soccer club America.

They will provide the money and they will call the shots.

There is no doubt whatsoever the 1986 series will be completely geared for world-wide television and TV will be given top priority.

Which means that some of the kick-off times will be at mid-day when the hot sun is at its cruellest — a factor that will definitely not be appreciated by the majority of the competing nations.

Also the scene is now set for Brazil to win in 1986: everything is in their favour.

The secretary-general of the Mexican Football Association Jose Acevedo Alvarez is ultra confident success will be gained and that the 1986 World Cup will prove to be the best ever held.

"We have got full Government backing and the private sector is heavily involved," Alvarez told me in his plush Mexico City office.

"Our stadiums have already been inspected by FIFA and need little money spent on them to bring them to the required standard and we should have no problems with our communications system to cope with the demands of the world.

Minus of course the Argentinian Falklands Islands farce. (the Mexicans are quick to point out that they have no intentions of reclaiming California from the US!)

With such a situation prevailing how then is Mexico going to stage the 1986 series?

The answer — through private enterprise and to be more precise, through a television company.

The complete power behind the Mexican 1978

media.

"If we did not think we could stage these championships at top level we would not have applied for them in the first place.

"As far as the huge outlay in finance is concerned we have it fully covered and we expect to make a big profit on the series.

"The Mexican people live for their football and it is for the Mexican people we will stage this event."

And with poverty running rife and a difficult political situation in the area with increasing leftist growth it could be a case of — "give the peasants football in the hope they will forget about politics!"

It's an enthralling situation and one that could only exist in this part of the world.

After the finals in Spain last year it was felt that the World Cup football circus was getting out of hand.

The coming series in Mexico could really put the icing on the cake.



Certainly it will remain a tremendous football contest with the 24 competing teams hell bent on success.

There is no doubt that politics and big commercial interests will rule the roost and intervene in an obtrusive manner.

This will inevitably

mean that at times the sporting contest will be tarnished.

But I sincerely hope it's a big success for the Mexican people.

They're friendly and helpful — even if they do tend to let the "Manana Syndrome" take over at times



The World Youth Championship Final — and Brazil's Paulo Roberto Ferreira goes down after a tackle by Jorge Borelli of Argentina at the Aztec Stadium, Mexico City.

**Despite raging inflation,
MFA ultra-confident!**



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

MEET THE BOYS OF EAST HILLS



East Hills Boys High 1st Grade 1983. Coach C. McNaught. Back (Left to Right) — John Fourtoarakis, Scott Grant, Anthony Wallace, Michael Senat, Brett Pike, James Fletcher, Darren Hamilton, Paul Naoari. Front (Left to Right) — Steven Waugh (cap.) Scott Rogers, Troy Russell, Mark Waugh, Danny Stanley.

PLAYER PROFILES:

1. John Fourtoarakis: Year 12 — 1st year with team.
2. Scott Grant: Year 10 — has played 1st grade for 3 years. Formally with Sydney Olympic. Played on the right flank.
3. Anthony Wallace: Year 11 — 2nd year with team. Plays left wing.
4. Michael Senat: Year 11 — 1st year with team. Plays in the backs for Revesby Workers and East Hills.
5. Brett Pike: Year 12 — 3rd year with team. Plays left midfield for East Hills and centre midfield for Panania RSL.
6. James Fletcher: Year 10 — 1st year with team. Plays left back. On weekend plays for Sydney Olympic 16's.
7. Darren Hamilton: Year 11 — 1st year with team. Plays for Bankstown 16's.
8. Paul Nasani: Year 10 — 1st year with team. Plays for Bankstown 16's.
9. Steven Waugh: Year 12 — 4th year in 1st grade. Plays for Croatia 2nd grade. Captain of the team and East Hills' most experienced player.
10. Scott Rogers: Year 10 — 1st year with team. Plays for Revesby Workers.
11. Troy Russell: Year 10 — 1st year with team. Very agile 'keeper currently has no weekend team.
12. Mark Waugh: Year 12 — 4th year in 1st grade. Plays for Croatia 2nd grade. Just as experienced as his brother.
13. Danny Stanley: Year 12 — 3rd year in 1st

grade. Adds some size and speed to East Hills forward line.

In reaching the last 16 East Hills accounted for the following teams.

- Round 1, Moorebank 3-1
- Round 2, Miller 3-1
- Round 3, Birrong 2-1
- Round 4, Fairfield 2-1

The game against Fairfield was played at the Bankstown soccer centre. Early play was rather tentative with neither side prepared to commit themselves to a full attack. By midway through the first half East Hills had begun to dominate play with a number of enterprising attacks. However, the Fairfield defence held and the halftime score was nil all.

The deadlock was broken in the 60th minute when Steven Waugh broke through and put away a well directed goal. East Hills second goal came three minutes later from a direct free kick taken by Steven Waugh.

With three minutes to go N. Vidiac of Fairfield

seized on a loose ball in the East Hills penalty area and scored Fairfield's goal.

CUP UPDATE

Metropolitan West
Mitchell 4 Northmead
2. Airaween 3 Colyton 2
penalties. Springwood 1
Mitchell 0.

Metropolitan East
Tempe 4 Fort Street 2.
Belmore 3 J.J. Cahill 2.
Belmore 1 Canterbury Boys 4.
Canterbury Boys 3 James Cook 1.
Engadine 0 Kinggrove Nth 1.
Kogarah 4 Sydney Tech. 3
penalties.

South Coast
Eden 1 Bega 4. Bega 0
Karabar 5.

Liverpool
Cabramatta 3 Ingleburn 2.

Western Region
Kelso 4 Wellington 1.
Orange 4 Dubbo 2. Kelso
5 Orange 0. Kelso regional finalist.



Scott Grant (left) attempts to defy the advancing goalkeeper John Veneri.



CABRAMATTA: Pupovac, Vrankjovic, Allebi, Donatiello, Khan Nguysn, Lapa, Radenkovic, Munoz, Colvin, Sunjic, C. Suarez, M. Suarez, Vimg Lo.

EXTRA TIME CLINCHED CABRA WIN

A KEENLY contested struggle, which began sensationally and continued that way throughout.

Radenkovic opened the scoring for Cabramatta after only 30 seconds of

Cabramatta the lead, which they did not lose again.

Overall, this was an exciting, hard-fought game which was a credit to both teams.

FINAL SCORE:— CABRAMATTA HIGH 3 (Radenkovic, Donatiello, C. Suarez) beat INGLEBURN HIGH 2 (Formosa, A. Gene).

Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, 3rd round match, June 3 1983. Cabramatta High v Ingleburn High played at Cabramatta Sports Ground.

play and within 20 minutes Cabramatta had two other good chances to score. However, Ingleburn fought back and, just before half-time, equalised with a neat goal by Formosa.

In the second half, Cabramatta continued to press, but it was Ingleburn that was awarded a penalty for a foul. The Ingleburn players' delight was shortlived however as the penalty was driven wide. Yet dramatically, within 2 minutes, Ingleburn was awarded a second penalty for a push. At the first attempt, the penalty kick was saved by the Cabramatta goalie Pupovac but he was adjudged to have moved. This time Ingleburn's A. Gene made no mistake and scored with the re-taken penalty. Cabramatta was still not finished though and replied with a good headed goal from Donatiello.

With the score tied at 2-2 the game went into extra time. With Cabramatta pressing hard and looking the more likely to score, it was no surprise when C. Suarsz scored from close range to give

Warratahs and Bloomfield fought out a hard match which was at times fiery.

In their efforts to win, both teams were guilty of heavy and niggling tackles.

Robbie Brown was again the hero for Warratahs, scoring both goals.

The opening goal came midway through the first half when Bloomfield defender Alex Davies failed to clear the ball from the edge of the penalty area.

His mis-kick went to Brown who hit a left foot shot into the goal.

Waratahs second goal came from a corner.

The ball was headed down to Brown who was standing near the goal-line. Brown hit the ball into the net.

Waratahs could have



INGLEBURN: Delavsrc, Duffy, Besmnes, Formosa, Besmnes, A. Gene, Clark, Matthews, Coles, Moon, Kirsten, Abboud, Phillips, Lewis.

ORANGE PIPS BLOOMFIELD

ORANGE WARATAHS lead the NSW Mid-State League by three points following their 2-nil win over Bloomfield.

Waratahs and Bloomfield fought out a hard match which was at times fiery.

Barrett's shot went wide.

Stuart McFarlane replaced the injured Chris Jacobs during the second half and this made a noticeable difference to Bloomfield's attack and defence.

Towards the end of the match, one Waratah supporter, a woman, came running on the field yelling at a Bloomfield player.

This followed an incident between a Waratah player and a Bloomfield player.

The woman was warned by the referee to stay off the field.

The second week in a row, Mudgee did not play due to suspension.

In the only other Mid-State first division match, Parkes beat Wellington 7-4.

Wellington turned in a good effort in this game.

At half-time Wellington were only down 2-0. Parkes had been expected to have an easy win.

The Email-CYMS game was deferred because the two clubs had to play State Amateur Cup matches against Sydney sides in Orange.

Email's normally strong co-ordinated defence proved the team's downfall. After leading Georges River 3-1 at half-time, Email ended up losing 4-3.

The turning point for Email was the injury to centre-half Bob Barclay who pulled a hamstring in the first half and had to be replaced.

Without Barclay, the rest of the defenders lost their normal pattern of play, and were caught square too many times.

George's River were able to push the ball through the defence and at one stage ran down the middle of the park to score two of their goals.



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Peter Katholos



IF YOU hear any rumours about Peter Katholos heading for Europe at the end of the season, don't listen.

Katholos says he has plenty to occupy his mind right here. He's building up his sports goods shop in Marrickville and hopes to become a successful businessman.

Although the Olympic midfielder was dropped by Frank Arok after Australia's second match against England, his club coach, Tommy Docherty, is still a great Katholos admirer.

Says The Doc: "Peter's

trouble is he is a skilful player and he passes the ball to his own team mates. In the Australian team, you're not supposed to do that!"

FORWARD Peter Rankin is hoping he's made it at last.

The youngster has been in and out of Adelaide City's NSL line-up, and sometimes didn't even make the bench, but in the last three matches he's been a star, and twice made it into the best three voting.

Former coach Johnny Perin predicted a future for Rankin if he worked on his game and it now looks as if it's paying off.

WOLLONGONG CITY supporters were surprised to discover last Tuesday night's deferred game against Sydney Olympic was called off.

The game was set down for Barton Park but the referee inspected the ground on the Monday night and ruled it unfit for play.

Rather strange, because Tuesday dawned a bright, sunny day with drying winds blowing and perfect for football.

Surely such decisions can be delayed until noon on the day matches are to be played; it wasn't as if a team had to come from interstate.

Once again we are finding that Soccer just doesn't go on when there is a bit of rain about — a far cry from a few years back when teams used to slog through the mud and the crowds loved every minute of it.

After all, the game is played in the winter months...

WINGER David Green is rated one of the best prospects among the Wollongong City crop this season.

He recently played the last 20 minutes of an NSL game against Adelaide City in Adelaide and coach Willie Wallace is keen to give him every chance.

"I have to be honest and say I simply have to rely on the kids now because of our financial position but David shows a lot of potential," Wallace said.

"He is fast and likes to take people on and there aren't too many orthodox wingers in the League these days."

Green was previously with Illawarra club West-Figtree where he caused havoc among opposing de-

fences. He is a product of that club's juniors.

ADELAIDE CITY's Home of the 80s on Delfin Island at plush West Lakes, has been completed.

It will now be auctioned to raise money for the club.

TONY Labbozzetta, vice-chairman of the National Soccer League, liked Mexico City where he was an observer at the World Youth Championship.

But the one thing he missed was a good Italian restaurant. He eventually found one on the night before he left Mexico — and it was only two blocks from the team hotel.

Labbozzetta was so pleased, he "shouted" dinner for some of the players and Socceroo supporters at the restaurant.

WEST ADELAIDE sweeper Neil McGachey was in America during the NSL "break."

But he wasn't playing Soccer, or looking for a new club.

He was on a study course in Dallas, Texas, in connection with his work as a Government draughtsman.

A HARD-UP State League club obtained a bank loan to improve its club premises. Then it started buying new players.

Maybe the money would have been better spent on the clubhouse!



Rod Skellern (right) clashes with Branko Buljic.

REMEMBER Rod Skellern, that dedicated right fullback who played consistent first grade Soccer for Wests during 1978,79 and after their amalgamation with Leichhardt a

further two and a half years in their first grade line-up.

A knee injury during the later part of last season forced him out of the first grade side and a

Martyn Crook

WEST ADELAIDE goalkeeper Martyn Crook failed (not to save a goal) but to replace a dislocated finger!

He had two put out of joint in the local Challenge Cup match against

Adelaide City and slipped one back in himself.

"I can usually do it no bother, but I had to get the trainer to do the second one," said Crook explaining why he was seen to jump backwards when in the trainer's hands.

ALTHOUGH George Murray was bitterly disappointed when he lost the Canberra Arrows coaching position, he has decided against returning to his native Scotland.

George will stay in Canberra and will move into the business world.

A FEW weeks ago, following controversy about the way some NSL matches were cancelled, the National League management committee introduced a firm ruling on how, and when, matches would be called off in the future.

It didn't take long for the ruling to be ignored. ASW understands the Wollongong v Sydney Olympic game scheduled for last Tuesday night, was actually postponed on Monday night — so the NSL broke its own NSL rule!

further cartilage injury at the beginning of this year set him back even further.

At the moment Rod has resumed his playing career in the Leichhardt Youth side. Such is his dedication that he is determined to prove that he is worthy of a first grade spot.

Who would have believed it? Out of three games against England, two draws and one loss, and only two goals scored against us for one in reply.

After the first game in Sydney, I agree not a great spectacle, there was a great feeling of optimism among our players for the following games and you'll agree that there was a great improvement in each of the remaining two games.

Our best performance without a doubt was in the third game in Melbourne and although we didn't manage to get that elusive win, our players can hold their heads high.

Although every Australian player played with distinction my man of the series would definitely be David Ratcliffe who had the unenviable task of marking Trevor Francis.

I'm sure Francis was glad to go home and have a rest, but we'll all remember with pleasure that brilliant goal he scored in Melbourne. It was one of the few times in the three games he did not have Ratcliffe breathing down his neck.

The most disappointing feature of the series against England was the continual knocking by the Press of Australia.

From a player's point of view, and I speak for all our players, it was sickening to read the various match reports.

Not once did the Press get behind the team and encourage our players.

Okay, I agree the first game was a bore, but before the game was over, it was a case of "how many goals would England get?" No-one even considered we would draw.

Weren't we the underdogs, the part-timers with not even a dog's chance?

Then we heard it was not a strong English side, Shilton, Neal, Lee, Francis, Butcher, Cowans, Blisset, Osman — are these players considered second rate?

The rest of the England party were first division "names" playing week in week out in the toughest League in the world, but not good enough it seems to win against our part-timers.

So we have let another golden opportunity go by to give Soccer in Australia a lift. There is just no pleasing some Pressmen.

As far as I'm concerned, the Australian team did all you could ask of them and they did Australia proud, which is more than can be said for some of our Soccer reporters.

These past two weeks have been the greatest of my life. I will never forget our games against England and our great results.

Unfortunately, for me and my other Socceroo teammates we have only fond memories to show for it. I think it's disgraceful our players who are honoured and thrilled to play for their country don't receive any token such as a "cap" as other players do when playing for their country.

Surely, the ASF is not so short of cash that it can't afford to honour its players in such a way.

I found it incredible to read that certain Soccer scribes felt some of our youth players should have been added to the Socceroo squad for the England series.

At a time when our team was gaining a bit of self-respect in the international arena, articles such as "Arok snubs Youth Players" are really a bit of a joke.

'It was sickening to read...'

WOLLONGONG



WOLLONGONG

WHO CALLED IT THE SUNSHINE STATE?

QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation officials are faced with a backlog of more than 100 matches following continual weekend rain over the past month.

The QSF has had an entire weekend program washed out and countless other fixtures interrupted by the rain.

The Ampol Cup, which began in earnest last week, also has been affected and several first round matches have been rescheduled.

The problem will get worse with the lower division Qantas Cup due to start this month.

It's becoming a nightmare," Queensland Soccer Federation secretary Alan Vessey said.

"It's got to the stage where we have begun to look at which grounds have lights and are available for night games as it appears that will be the only way we will clear the backlog."

Unlike the National League, which appears to be able just to extend its season at will, many clubs in Queensland play on City Council grounds and must surrender their fields to cricket clubs by the end of September.

This has caused problems in the past and seems certain to do so again this season.

Luckily the Premier League, the State's top competition, has not been too badly affected.

Although many of the Premier League teams have a game to catch up, it's not as bad as teams which are two or three games behind.

Games have been re-scheduled left, right and centre but the QSE seems to be into a "no win" situation in recent weeks. Each time it re-schedules a game it gets washed out again.

League leaders Olympia seem to be one team that has managed to weather the weather and before last weekend's fixtures, was three points clear at the top of the table with only one match to play.

Their nearest rivals were Mount Gravatt, on 17 points, who have played one game less than Olympic but two fewer than third placed Easts, the early pacesetters.

Olympic also managed to get their Ampol Cup match in last week and disposed of lowly Taringa, although it was not as easy as they first thought.

The Yeronga team raced to a three goal lead thanks to the efforts of Tom McGregor, Graham Wilson and Mark McNaughton but as the rain tumbled down in the second half, the physical Taringa came to life and got to within a goal of Olympic.

Peter Tyson sealed the result for Olympic with a late penalty.

Olympic were one of the favourites in last year's competition but lost to Acacia Ridge on corners in the quarter finals. But their form so far this season suggests they could be in line for the Cup Pre-



miership double.

In other Ampol Cup matches played on the same weekend, the young Brisbane Lions team was too quick for the Gold Coast Federation side and won 4-0.

Gold Coast included several former "names" like the Catchpole brothers Gary and Trevor and John Reid, who played with Ipswich United for a month earlier this season.

Eastern Suburbs scraped to a narrow win over the Bundaberg Federation team in Bundaberg. The Tigers went through to the next round 6-5 on penalties.

The Tigers were held to a scoreless draw at the end of normal time and were trailing to a John Brillante goal in extra

time.

But a penalty by Phil Thompson gave the Brisbane Lions a second chance.

All five kickers from sides were successful in the kick-out but it was Mark Jackson-Knaggs who put his side through when he successfully converted Easts' sixth after the Bundaberg player had missed.

Ipswich United had to have their kick-off with the North Queensland team in Townsville switched from Saturday night to 9.30 Sunday morning after rain in the northern city.

But the early start didn't affect last year's losing finalists and Ipswich marched into the next round with goals from Ken Gordon and Wayne Warren.

OLYMPIA DOWN AGAIN

BY VAN DIEMEN

THE unpredictability of teams in Tasmania's Cadbury State League was in evidence yet again in the tenth round of matches when Olympia could only draw with Caledonians and league leader Juventus-Pioneer succumbed to reigning champion Rapid-Wrest Point.

Olympia's defensive problems re-surfaced against Caledonians when, after being 3-1 up, the Greek side was thankful for a point.

Harrison literally gave the first goal to Caledonians when he mishandled a throw from the edge of his area. The ball landed at Bell's feet, only three metres from the keeper, and the striker calmly pushed the ball home.

Nichols equalised after 27 minutes following a mix-up in the Calies defence and Munro put Olympia in front when he shot home from Forster's

cross after Forster had beaten Di Venuto to the ball.

Nichols scored his second in the 63rd minute but, 10 minutes later, Harrison erred again when he palmed the ball down to Parker's feet following a cross and the Calies striker made no mistake from close range.

Fifteen minutes from the end, Hey chose to dribble on the edge of his own penalty area when he could have cleared and lost possession to Maccalini who centred to Parker. Parker shuffled past one defender before blasting the ball into an



SYDNEY BECKONS

Badih Hammoud (right), one of the three Lebanese players who have just left Croatia-Glenorchy to return to Sydney. On the left is Otto Klaus, the former Sydney coach, who is now coaching Ulverstone in Tasmania's North & North-West State League.

TASMANIAN CADBURY STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	10	8	0	2	25	10	16
Croatia	10	7	1	2	27	15	15
Olympia	10	5	3	2	27	18	13
Rapid	10	5	2	3	18	13	12
Metro	10	4	2	4	18	17	10
Caledonians	10	3	2	5	23	23	8
University	10	2	0	8	14	38	4
White Eagles	10	1	0	9	10	28	2

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Parker (Caledonians) 9
Forster (Olympia) 8
Sherman (Olympia), Ward (Juventus), Thomas (Croatia) 7
Nichols (Olympia) 6
Di Felice (Juventus), Kirkpatrick (Croatia), Oakes (Croatia) 5

empty net for the equaliser.

Forster played brilliantly for Olympia and it is a shame that he and his fellow strikers, Sherman and Nichols, should have to see their efforts up front negated by stupid defensive play which costs the team goals.

Poor goalkeeping cost Juventus dearly as Rapid beat it 3-0. Goalkeeper Steve Craven conceded a penalty after 11 minutes when he brought Blake down and the other two goals came from corners, the second of these, by Blake, going in direct from his kick.

White Eagles and University stay at the bottom of the standings following defeats by Metro-Claremont and Croatia-Glenorchy, respectively.

DETAILS: Metro-Claremont 3 University 1; Croatia-Glenorchy 3 White Eagles 1; Olympia 3 Caledonians 3; Rapid-Wrest Point 3 Juventus-Pioneer 0.

KING AL RE OPENS CLUB

THE 'King of Canberra', Al Grassby, has officially re-opened the Canberra club that never really closed — the City Club.

By another name the club was the meeting place of the ardent fans who supported it as one of the now defunct Canberra City's initial major fund-raisers.

It is now a magnificent new club in its pastel shades of pink, soft carpeting, plush furniture and fittings, and lavish bar and disco and dining room areas.

"It cost the best part of \$500,000," said Mr Condos.

Debtors from the old club breathed a big sigh of relief. Repayments depend on the club's success or failure.

STH. AUSTRALIA

BY TOM McKAIN

SALISBURY could become the first second division team since Croatia back in 1974 to win the Federation Cup.

Currently leading its division, the draw for the Cup quarter-finals has been kind to Salisbury, pairing it with Mulbury, also from Second Division.

Azzurri, First Division leaders, have been drawn to play Beograd, while Elizabeth takes on Polonia, and Para Hills tackle another Second Division team in Sturt.

After the quarter finals on July 9, it looks as if Salisbury, Azzurri, Polonia and Para will clash in the semis.

Salisbury are applicants for the new regional NSL proposed for next year and a Cup win would strengthen their claims.



THE SA Soccer Trainers' Association ran a novel lecture night — Eat To Win.

It was the first of what they hope will be a regular series.

It dealt with what sportsmen should eat to win and was open to anyone interested in sport.

The \$1 admission charge went to the Cranial-Facial Unit at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.



THE latest figures on coaches show that 1,700 attended courses in SA up to the end of 1982.

Prior to 1977, SA operated on a part-time coaching scheme and in the first four years only 215 coaches attended courses.

Only Tasmania with 106 and A.C.T. with 102 had lower figures.

SA now stands in second place behind NSW which has put through 3,595 coaches.

Figures for the other States are:

Victoria	1,248
W Australia	1,182
Queensland	1,111
Norther NSW	519
A.C.T.	447
Tasmania	292

A record 316 SA coaches attended courses in 1982, far in excess of the annual quota of 180 set by the National Director of Coaching.

Quotas were based on a population factor.

NSW and Tasmania are the only States without full-time Directors of Coaching, although the former does have a number of part-time regional directors.

Queensland has three full-time regional directors in addition to a full-time Director of Coaching.



A proposal that there be a local "Super League" minus the two NSL clubs West and City in 1984, and that it become an end-of-session national competition, has caught the fancy of some SA clubs.

The plan comes from Victoria and is being touted as a possible rival for the NSL, although a

lot cheaper to run, with only the top two clubs "going" national at the end of the season.

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

NOW the pressure has switched to West Adelaide in the S.A. Rothmans League First Division as they prepare to defend their newly acquired League lead.

The reserve team of the National Soccer League outfit shattered champions and unbeaten leaders Azzurri 1-0 last week with an under-strength team, and are at home again this week against fifth placed Croatia who could only draw 2-2 with Campbelltown (eighth).

But the big test has now come for the young West squad which gained promotion from second division last season.

Against Azzurri they were minus key midfielder and scorer John Hanagis who was recruited for the National League line up the following day; midfielder Chris Manou carried a calf injury into the match and Steve Baker played although he cannot train because he is currently working nightshift.

But the team has youth and enthusiasm on its side and despite the signing of another new player in Parra Hills Jimmy Mitchell Croatia could be battling to stave off defeat.

Azzurri, edged out of the lead on a one-goal difference, have to visit Polonia (sixth).

They ran riot against bottom team Port Adelaide winning 7-0 after losing 4-1 to Birkalla the previous week.

With Juan Kierno back in midfield and Peter Stanczak to hold the central defence together Polonia were a different proposition.

Campbelltown, who had gone two goals up on Croatia only to let them level the score, are at home again, this time to second bottom side Elizabeth, beaten 1-0 at Parra Hills last round.

Campbelltown should make two certain points this week.

Parra now in fourth place, are at home to Birkalla (seventh), who slipped last week going down 4-1 at Beograd's ground.

The later are firmly placed in third position, only a point behind Azzurri and West and should have no worries at home to Port this weekend.

TITLES FOUGHT OUT IN FOUR STATES

FOR the first time since the State Championships have been held in New South Wales, the competing teams were able to show their true talents on a dry field.

This year, the NSW titles were held at the Judy Masters Oval in Balgownie.

As in other States which hold their championships at the same time, this is the testing time for all aspirants with State team selection ambitions.

In all 12 teams took the field this year in the NSW competition.

They were: Manly (2 teams), Holroyd, St. George (2 teams), Gladesville-Hornsby (2 teams), Sutherland, South Coast (2 teams), and a guest team from the Country Association, Bathurst.

On the final day of competition, strong hard play was seen in the semi-finals.

In the match between Gladesville-Hornsby 1 and Manly-Warringah 1 honours were even until well into the second half when Gladesville-Hornsby went ahead with a well placed goal. This match was highlighted by the acrobatic performance of Manly's young goal keeper, Sue-Ellen Nagle.

The major semi-final was played on the No.1 field before a crowd of over 300 people.

The match was between title holders, South Coast 1 and St. George 1 and held the crowd's interest from start to finish.

With scores equal at full-time, extra time was played with both teams playing at a furious pace.

At the conclusion of the extra period, the teams remained locked together and a series of penalty kicks decided the match — with South Coast taking the semi-final.

Whilst the finalists were taking a well earned rest, the Under 15 squad played a match from which the selectors chose the team to present NSW in Canberra next month.

At the conclusion of this game, South Coast and Gladesville-Hornsby took the field to the applause of the estimated crowd of 800 people.

In the first five minutes, South Coast hustled the Gladesville-Hornsby defence into conceding a corner. Lyn Dickerman floated a good shot across for South Coast and Australian player, Julie Porter slammed it into the net.

Gladesville-Hornsby attacked immediately and pressured the goal. A lofted shot allowed Carol Vinson, a NSW representative, to belt a shot home after seven minutes.

South Coast was one goal down after 15 minutes when Gladesville-Hornsby again used their right wing to advantage allowing the ball to be

sent across to Collette Fitzpatrick.

She made no mistake in striking home the second goal for her team.

Just before half-time, Gladesville-Hornsby made another attack on the Coast goal which resulted in Fitzpatrick drawing the keeper out and slotting it home past her right hand.

Despite trying desperately to pull back a goal for a draw, South Coast's fate was sealed when Leigh Wardell, former NSW player, blasted a goal home in the closing minutes.

The senior NSW team will be announced at a later date but the Under 15 was given out on the final day. It is: S. Coughy, L. Evans, K. Brentin, S. Millar, C. Kitting, F. Huntington, J. Hebb, J. Walker, M. Hanigan, A. Hiron, A. Walker, B. Melene, S. Bull, K. McMiles, L. Mudie, W. Volkiene, S. Butfield, N. Komorowski, K. McWhirter (three to be omitted.)

NORTH NSW TITLES

NORTHERN NSW held their State titles at the Charlestown Ovals, Newcastle on the Saturday and Sunday of the Queen's Birthday weekend.

Branches taking part in the Championships were Armidale, Far North Coast, Tamworth, Macquarie and Central Coast.

The under 15 titles were won by Macquarie 1 with Central Coast runner-up.

The under 17 division which was played at the Championships for the first time this year, was also won by Macquarie with Central Coast runner-up.

In the open division, the Northern NSW Championship is played on a round robin basis with all branches playing each other once.

Central Coast, who were clear leaders throughout the tournament, became the Open Champions on maximum points.

After a count back, the Open Macquarie 1 team became the runner-up.

State teams for Nthn. NSW were announced at the presentation. The Under 17 side is: K. Rowlands, K. Barsby, B. Woodward, D. Patterson, K. Wilkinson, M. Clayburn, T. Rideout, L. Marriott, P. Campbell, T. White, K. Haines, S. Drayton, J. White, K. Meek, M. Smith, K. Rogers.

The senior side to represent the State in Perth at the Nationals in August is: T. McMahon, J. Dolan, R. Iserif, R. Bennett, K. Menzies, S. Moffitt, B. Webster, D. Kearns, J. Renshaw, K. Zirkler, H. Watts, M. Bourke, P. Miller, C. McDonall, G. Prosser, A. Tredinick, L. Dunne, P. Bartlett.

GREEN, COLD

TOOWOOMBA, was the venue for the Queensland State Championships this year.

Held on very green but

soft fields, Marese Stephens, the Sth.Qld Publicity Officer, said that games held early in the morning were hard to get under way with the grass temperature hovering around one degree.

Teams competing were Brisbane Open, Brisbane Youth, Gold Coast, Toowoomba 1 and 2, Sunshine Coast, Maryborough, Bundaberg, Port Curtis, Townsville, Mackay and South Burnett.

The Brisbane Open team was chosen early in March and as expected, dominated the carnival. Huge 15-nil wins over Toowoomba 2 and Sunshine Coast boosted their goal average.

ALICE ACTIVE

THE Northern Territory titles were held in Alice Springs this year and there was continual activity at Ross Park, just outside the city.

Darwin brought two senior and one junior team to the contest whilst the hosts provided two senior and two junior sides.

The Alice Springs 'A' side was successful in winning the senior title for the first time in five years whilst the Darwin junior side took the junior title for the third year in a row.

The Northern Territory side for the Nationals is: K. Wheatley, D. Pollock, F. Fitzgerald, L. Lacey, L. Souey, A. Almeida, G. Denastro, R. Solien, C. Solien, S. Ford, B. Frost, P. Cabullo, M. George, M. Lebrocq, K. Sanderland, D. Casimiro, J. Esterway.

The match of the

weekend was between Brisbane Open and Brisbane Youth. The younger team played their hearts out in the first half with their goalkeeper, Gwenda Schloss, making some magical saves. Although beaten 5-1 in the game, the Youth team played it at a fast rate.

Australian squad members, Sharon Wass (Brisbane Youth) and Leanne Priestley (Brisbane Open) were the top goalscorers.

In the final between Toowoomba 1 and Brisbane Open, the host side, Toowoomba, ran themselves ragged but could not keep up the pace of the classy Brisbane team, which was a joy to watch as they continually wore the opposition down with attacking moves.



Carol Vinson (left) crosses the ball before her opposite shuts her down.

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

ter the best young striker in the NSL and after watching Brown, Licata, Lowe and Farina on TV, would anyone argue with Arok?

Z. Belic Arncliffe.

ACT

IN my letter to Australian Soccer Weekly, printed 14th inst., I requested a mention be given to our local Newcastle TV Channel NBN 3. They arranged through Ch. 0/28 to give us a delayed telecast of the first of our Youth team's games against Mexico, and then live telecasts of the games against Scotland and Korea. I think NBN 3 would be the only other station outside 0/28 to do this, and I am sure you will agree with me they deserve a mention. They also gave us a live telecast of the Australia and England third Test.

As you probably are aware NBN 3 is a long-time supporter of Rugby League, but now they are giving Soccer more support.

A little appreciation from us would also help!

Jack M. Gateshead West NSW

BE FAIR

YOUR very critical front page story about "England's Tour Flop" was not accurate or fair. The writer seems to forget that the English players came here after a solid nine months of hard football and they were too tired to reveal their best form.

And it was not the strongest side England could have picked. If England's best players played Australia in the middle of the English season, your Mr Arok would not get a nil-nil draw but a 10-nil slaughter. Be fair to the Poms.

Arsenal Fan St. Kilda

TV BOYCOTT?

IT MUST be quite obvious by now that the commercial TV networks and the ABC are not interested in showing Australian Soccer in their stations and least of all in respectable time slots.

No doubt the ASF, in granting all international matches to Channel 7, has been taken for a ride, and made a hell of a mistake. The ASF should have been well aware that this station has an interest in Rugby League in NSW and Aussie Rules in other States.

The main reason Soccer does not appear on the network is pressure by those sports.

To show Soccer and create similar images and idols as in the opposing sports codes would draw more youngsters away from those respective football codes (if you wish to call them football!) As such, whatever little bit of Soccer is on the box, it is at hours most kids are in bed.

If the ratings for showing Soccer are so bad, why do they compete to show the World Cup Series, F.A. Cup, etc? They have never given Australian Soccer a fair go.

TV networks are very concerned about ratings and it is in this category we, as Soccer fans, can take an active and important part.

The solution is very simple. "Don't turn on their networks".

There must be close to a

million Soccer followers in this country and if in an united front we boycott the stations,

Let's do away with "Sons and Daughters" and other shows and just turn to channel 0/28, which may be called by our intelligent sport opponents, already a wog station, where at least we can watch local Soccer, and a fair share of various sport from many countries.

A station, which had the great initiative to secure the World Cup Youth games in Mexico for us all to watch, at short notice.

If the ASF is smart, they'll grant 0/28, all rights from now on.

This station is the only station, which deserves our support.

I, for one, will no longer turn on any other station. I hope all Soccer supporters will join me and we may soon see a changed outlook at those stations, including the one we, as Australian citizens and taxpayers, own, the ABC.

J. Alers.

Girraween

P.S. Thanks Charlie Perkins for showing the way.

WHERE WAS SLATER?

AFTER watching the pathetic attempts by the Youth Soccerroo strikers to score goals in Mexico, the question that must be asked is why wasn't St George's Rob Slater in the squad?

Frank Arok rates Sla-



Jackie McGuffie (white shorts) controls the ball during the NSW Semi-Final.

NSW "ATTACK" YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 17 — JUNE 25

	U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
GROUP A				
Ku-ring-gai v Auburn	0-2	1-2	0-2	3-1
Blacktown Assn v Manly	1-1	0-4	0-4	2-4
Granville v St George	0-4	2-1	1-4	nil
Melita v Canterbury	1-1	0-5	0-1	0-5
Central Coast - bye				
GROUP B				
Southern Dists v Illawarra	0-14	3-0	1-2	3-1
Southern Dists v Illawarra	0-14	3-0	1-2	3-1
Nth Bankstown v Croatia	0-2	2-1	0-3	0-5
Gladesville v Sutherland	0-1	1-2	0-2	1-0
APIA v Sydney City	3-1	1-0	6-0	0-0
Polonia - bye				
GROUP C				
Blacktown City v Bankstown	1-2	0-0	4-2	3-0
Canterbury-Marr v Nepean	0-0	0-2	2-2	3-2
Baulkham Hills v Marconi	0-6	0-2	1-3	0-4
Avala v Sydney Olympic	2-2	0-5	2-3	1-2
Macarthur - bye				

DEFERRED GAMES — JUNE 26

GROUP A				
Ku-ring-gai v Auburn	1-2	4-1	0-1	2-1
Manly v Central Coast	—	—	—	1-0
GROUP C				
Sydney Olympic v Avala	1-0	3-0	3-3	0-1

POINTS AT 25.6.83

U13:

GROUP A: St George 28, Auburn 26, Central Coast 24, Blacktown Assoc. 22, Manly 16, Melita 15, Ku-ring-gai 14, Granville 13, Canterbury 6

GROUP B: Illawarra 28, Sutherland 26, Gladesville 22, Croatia 21, Polonia 19, APIA 16, Southern Dists 11, Nth Bankstown 10, Sydney City 9

GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 32, Nepean 24, Bankstown 22, Blacktown City 22, Avala 20, Marconi 17, Cant-M'ville 17, Baulkham Hills 8

U14:

GROUP A: Manly 28, Granville 25, Canterbury 23, St George 22, Central Coast 18, Auburn 16, Ku-ring-gai 16, Melita 10, Blacktown Assoc 6

GROUP B: Sutherland 30, APIA 30, Southern Dists 27, Illawarra 21, Gladesville 16, Polonia 16, Sydney City 13, Nth Bankstown 8, Croatia 5

GROUP C: Sydney Olympic 26, Marconi 25, Nepean 25, Bankstown 19, Cant-M'ville 18, Baulkham hills 18, Blacktown City 16, Avala 10, Macarthur 9

U15:

GROUP A: Auburn 30, Granville 28, St George 21, Manly 17, Canterbury 16, Ku-ring-gai 15, Central Coast 13, Melita 11, Blacktown Assoc 11

GROUP B: APIA 28, Illawarra 27, Polonia 26, Sutherland 23, Croatia 16, Southern Dists 14, Gladesville 11, Sydney City 10, Nth Bankstown 9

GROUP C: Marconi 31, Sydney Olympic 25, Baulkham Hills 20, Cant-M'ville 20, Avala 20, Blacktown City 19, Nepean 16, Bankstown 9, Macarthur 6

U16:

GROUP A: St George 27, Ku-ring-gai 25, Auburn 22, Canterbury 21, Manly 21, Central Coast 13, Blacktown Assoc. 11, Melita 10

GROUP B: APIA 28, Southern Dists 24, Illawarra 23, Gladesville 21, Sydney City 19, Sutherland 18, Croatia 15, Nth Bankstown 7, Polonia 7

GROUP C: Marconi 27, Sydney Olympic 27, Canterbury-Marr 24, Avala 21, Nepean 19, Blacktown City 17, Bankstown 14, Baulkham Hills 8, Macarthur 7

MY FAVOURITE PLAYER

You have a favourite player in the National or State Leagues? Good.

If you are under 16, write to Mark Jankovics c/- AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and tell us about him.

Marconi's Mark Jankovics is one of the all time top scorers in the National Soccer League and has played for Australia.

He is one of the owners of The Sports Centre at Parramatta Westfield, Carlingford Court and Bankstown Square.

He will award a sports bag of your choice (value \$15) if you are a fortnightly prize winner.

If you are from interstate then your bag will be sent to you.

So write to Mark Jankovics, c/- AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Box 406, Broadway 2007, and tell us about your favourite star — in not more than six sentences.



BANKS'T EXIT

TURNER Cup holder Bankstown High School was eliminated from the fourth round by Birrong High, the score being 2-0.

And last year's 2SM Cup winners Blaxland also were dismissed in a game in which St Dominic's Penrith ran out winners on penalties.

Latest Sydney Metropolitan results are:

Round 3: Division 2 - South.

Patrician Bros Fairfield 3g 5 pen, Cabramatta HS 3g 3 pen, Kingsgrove North HS 2, Punchbowl HS.

Round 4: Division 2 - South.

Birrong HS 2, Bankstown 0, Sylvania HS 1, Port Hacking HS 0.

Division 3 - East. De la Salle Ashfield 2, Dover Heights HS 1.

Division 4 - West. Blaxland HS 1g 3 pen, St Dominic's Penrith 1g 4 pen.

Dear David (Lee),

RE YOUR recent article in ASW regarding your criticism of the National Coaching scheme. I feel you have tarred everybody with the same brush. As you say in your article, 98 per cent of the coaches are British born.

I know that many coaches and myself, al-

IT'S ALL KICK AND BALANCE



FIVE DOCK score their winning goal against Strathfield in their under 7 years social game.

It was a real desperation kick, as the player put everything he had into it and lost his balance in the process.

All under 7 games in the Canterbury & District Soccer Football Association area are 6-a-side, played on a small field with small goals and are only classed as social games. The players can learn Soccer skills and actually take part in games without pressure being placed on them to accumulate points during the season.

TARRED WITH SAME BRUSH

though British born learned our coaching here and after being an Australian citizen for the past 22 years I count myself as

an Australian coach — not British.

Regarding the British way of coaching and playing, I believe that the

basic principles of the game are the same, no matter what country you come from. I think that it is the adoption of these principles that are important.

I have always believed in playing attacking Soccer and this can be verified by the clubs that I have coached. While the

National Coaching Scheme is not perfect, it is the best we have got at the moment and, if something better comes along, we should look at it.

The trouble I find with the scheme — and you could possibly verify this — is that candidates who go through the scheme and pass the awards want to coach only senior sides as this is where the money is. Too few of them want to coach juniors as there is no money, but this is where we want our top coaches...no matter what country they come from.

We should encourage more people to attend coaching courses and this can be done by giving graded awards at preliminary and senior award levels.

Our coaching scheme has been set up on the English award, but I feel that now some form of change is necessary to adapt to Australian Soccer requirements. I feel that with the various ethnic and Australian boys we should be able to produce players who can compete against any type of competition and do it with flair. But, what is needed are top coaches with our junior players.

Yours in Soccer
Fred Brooks
McDonalds Skills Coordinator, Victoria.

— Helen Saad

BIG MAC AWARDS POPULAR IN WEST

JOHN Tscheppera, Canterbury and District's Soccer Coaching Director, recently organised the testing of 72 players from the Western Suburbs Junior Soccer Club for the McDonalds Soccer Skills Award.

The boys are all currently playing in West's under seven years through to their under-13 teams.

This is the first time a CDSFA affiliated club has undertaken this award scheme on its own, and it proved to be an outstanding success.

The preparation and practice for the awards was incorporated into the boy's normal team training sessions.

As the awards concentrate on the basic soccer skills there has been an obvious improvement in the playing ability of the teams involved.

A total of 96 awards were successfully obtained. Carlos Zambala and John Consentino both qualified for the gold award, the highest in the scheme.

It is undoubtedly the

most difficult as only 44 players achieved this award in NSW in 1982.

The players who were not able to reach the required standards will be given an encouragement award and the opportunity to try again at a later date.

Several other clubs in the CDSFA area are now well into the preparation of their players for these awards.

John Tscheppera will again have to call on the Sutherland Director of Coaching Max Groll and Canterbury's Youth League coach Robert Patane for their help in the testing of what is sure to be another large number of enthusiastic players.

The break down of the awards and the numbers that qualified for them are as follows: Mini 13, Blue 36, Red 23, Black 22, Gold 2.



Thornleigh under 8/1 striker Anthony Booth takes on the Epping YMCA goal-keeper in a GHFA match at Thornleigh Oval.

THORNLEIGH, A TOP SYDNEY CLUB

THORNLEIGH club remains one of the largest in the Gladesville-Hornsby Association, catering for more than 350 players in Sydney's north-west.

The club has slightly altered its coaching policy in recent years with greater emphasis on skills, particularly for more advanced players in junior teams.

Representative ambitions are being encouraged while retaining a policy of participation regardless of ability. No players are rejected despite the obvious problem of grading teams into desirable numbers.

Thornleigh is also attempting to develop more division one teams, currently fielded in the All Age, Under 17, Under 13, Under 11 and Under 8 groups.

Five of these sides appear probable semi-finalists this season.

ENTER NOW

Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of September 27, 1983 qualify for consideration for this year's prizes.

They are: First \$300, Second \$200, Third \$100, with two consolation prizes of \$75 each. The decision of the editorial staff is final. Keep your news and photos coming in to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007. (Black & white pictures are preferred, but we will do our best with all color shots supplied).

**SERDERON THE
PLASTIC MAN
PRIZE**



Buddy Habkoush shows heading prowess in a recent Thornleigh v Gladesville Ravens under 11/1 clash.

Say hello to long-serving Northern NSW Amateur Soccer Federation secretary John Jones. He also had considerable involvement in the Lake Macquarie district, just south of Newcastle, as an official of the Macquarie Junior Soccer Association.



"Thank goodness we lost. Now I can stop worrying about avoiding relegation."



INSURANCE IN SOCCER

MOST claims to recover damages for personal injury to the spectator are based on negligence. The claim is made against the occupier of the premises and, these days, awards can be very large.

A young person, with good work prospects, confined to a wheelchair as a result of injuries could expect to receive between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000.



Providing for these risks

Spectator v Participant

Of course, there are many games that even when played within the rules, expose spectators to risk of injury. A cricket ball can always be hit into the crowd. A racing car may leave the track. What must the organisers do?

Well, in considering such risks, the organiser must ask, "are these risks known to any spectator who gives the matter even a brief thought." Contrary to what might be supposed, under law the organisers are not required to **guarantee** the safety of spectators. Provided that the spectator could have foreseen the risk, and that any resulting injury was not due to a reckless disregard of the spectator's safety, then the organisers are not liable.

Different conditions apply if the rules of the sport are broken. Spectators do not expect a weight lifter to throw a bar into the crowd or for a tennis player to hit the ball into the spectators and follow it with the racquet. Should a spectator be injured through this sort of behaviour, then the participant should expect to be sued and would have to pay damages.

The State of the Premises

Most of the reported cases in which spectators have recovered damages resulting from sporting activities have been brought against the occupiers of the stadium.

A spectator who takes due care for his or her own safety but is nevertheless injured due to some deficiency in the premises that was unforeseeable is entitled to damages.

Permanent signs which warn spectators to do, or not do something, are far more effective in limiting liability, than inclusion clauses on the back of tickets.

A check list for sporting administrators

1. Exclusion clauses are probably not worthwhile. They certainly require careful legal drafting.
2. Consider what warning signs are necessary to help spectators look after themselves. Keep the messages simple and direct like "DO NOT STAND HERE".
3. Try and ensure that all play is at all times within the rules.
4. Anxiously and frequently (at least every season) consider whether appropriate protective provisions have been made at sporting grounds.
5. Insure wherever possible. The courts now award very substantial damages in the case of personal injuries, particularly if economic loss is caused.

Kicking a football into a crowd

Here is another case of an insurance situation as it could affect a spectator, a player, a club or association.

In this example, there's a warm up to a match and the players kick balls into the crowd intending them as souvenirs and someone is injured. The player who kicked the ball that hit a spectator was acting within the scope of his authority and his negligence would be passed on to his principals: the Club, Association and Sponsor. If the ball had been accidentally kicked into the crowd during the course of the match and a spectator hurt it's very doubtful if there would be a case to answer as such events are normal and could have been foreseen by the crowd.

Negligence of employees

Again to illustrate a point, take the case where an attendant leaves a chair out of place and a spectator in a hurry to leave the ground falls over it and is injured. Who is liable, if anyone?

Club, Association and Sponsor could well all be held liable for the carelessness of their employee or agent. The failure of the spectator to see the chair might well be considered contributory negligence and damages reduced through.

In cases like this it's a question of weighing up the relative culpability of the two sides in the dispute.

The Sport and the Spectator

Let's look at some of the more usual legal questions that arise at spectator sport.

Can a spectator be evicted?

If a spectator has paid to enter a ground, has that person the legal right to remain if required to leave? High court cases have decided that not only can a misbehaving spectator be asked to leave but also that reasonable force can be used to evict that person. If the spectator had not misbehaved then the eviction would have been in breach of contract and damages could have been recovered.

The entrance contract

When an admission fee is charged, whether or not a ticket is issued, then there exists under law a contract between that spectator and the organiser. The terms of the contract are implied. They are that the spectator is required to behave in a manner appropriate to the occasion and that the organisers will provide safe premises and conduct the sport in such a way as to protect the spectator from unreasonable risk of injury. Organisers can and do try to lessen their liability by issuing terms and clauses on the ticket but experience has shown that a court will always take these in their narrowest sense.

They, quite rightly, consider that the spectator was in no position to bargain over the terms governing the circumstances under which the organisers could be sued for damage and sympathy lies with the spectator. Given these circumstances, it's hardly worth the time and effort to write a clause exonerating the organisers from all liability to the spectator.

(We take the opportunity to thank C.A.S. Insurance Pty Ltd for producing their excellent publication, "Sport, the Law of You".)

BLACKTOWN BATTLERS WIN TANNER TROPHY

QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS

Under 15 at Martens Oval, Bundaberg

SAT JULY 2	South West Qld	v	Far North Qld
	Wide Bay	v	North Qld
	Brisbane North	v	South East Qld
	Brisbane South	v	Central Qld

SUN JULY 3	North Qld	v	South East Qld
	Far North Qld	v	Brisbane North
	South West Qld	v	Central Qld
	Wide Bay	v	Brisbane South

MON JULY 4	Brisbane South	v	Brisbane North
	South West Qld	v	North Qld
	Wide Bay	v	Sth East Qld
	Far North Qld	v	Central Qld

TUE JULY 5	South East Qld	v	Central Qld
	Brisbane South	v	Far North Qld
	South West Qld	v	Wide Bay
	Brisbane North	v	North Qld

WED JULY 6	Far North Qld	v	Wide Bay
	Central Qld	v	Brisbane North
	North Qld	v	Brisbane South
	South West Qld	v	South East Qld

THU JULY 7	South East Qld	v	Brisbane North
	South East Qld	v	Brisbane South
	Central Qld	v	Wide Bay
	North Qld	v	Far North Qld

FRI JULY 8	Central Qld	v	North Qld
	South West Qld	v	Brisbane South
	South East Qld	v	Far North Qld
	Brisbane North	v	Wide Bay

Under 14 at Willowburn Soccer Club, Toowoomba

Under 13 at Queensland Alumina Sports Club, Gladstone.

(The same draw applies to both events)

SAT JULY 2	South West Qld	v	North West Qld
	Far North Qld	v	Brisbane North
	Wide Bay	v	Central Qld
	North Qld	v	Brisbane South
	South East Qld	v	Bye

SUN JULY 3	Bris South	v	Brisbane North
	Wide Bay	v	South East Qld
	North Qld	v	North West Qld
	South West Qld	v	Far North Qld
	Brisbane South	v	Central Qld

MON JULY 4	North Qld	v	South East Qld
	North West Qld	v	Brisbane South
	South West Qld	v	Wide Bay
	Central Qld	v	Brisbane North
	Far North Qld	v	South East Qld

TUE JULY 5	South West Qld	v	North Qld
	Far North Qld	v	Wide Bay
	Brisbane South	v	South East Qld
	Central Qld	v	North West Qld
	Brisbane North	v	North Qld

WED JULY 6	Wide Bay	v	North Qld
	South West Qld	v	Central Qld
	Far North Qld	v	Brisbane South
	Brisbane North	v	South East Qld
	Wide Bay	v	North West Qld

THU JULY 7	Central Qld	v	South East Qld
	Far North Qld	v	North Qld
	Brisbane North	v	North West Qld
	South West Qld	v	Brisbane South
	Wide Bay	v	Bye

FRI JULY 8	North West Qld	v	South East Qld
	Brisbane North	v	South West Qld
	Central Qld	v	Far North Qld
	Brisbane South	v	Wide Bay
	North Qld	v	Bye

SAT JULY 9	Wide Bay	v	Brisbane North
	North Qld	v	Central Qld
	Far North Qld	v	North West Qld
	South West Qld	v	South East Qld
	Brisbane South	v	Bye



THE Blacktown D.S.F.A. under 11 Representative Team won the A.S. Tanner B.E.M. Memorial Trophy conducted by the St George Association over the June long weekend.

Blacktown, who are currently undefeated in the Under 11 representative competition, showed why they are the team to beat with a great display of unflappable defence, on-target shooting and above all team work to have wins over Southern Districts 1-0, St George 2-0, Gladesville 2-0 and Nepean 2-1 which qualified the team for a semi-final spot.

Blacktown found themselves playing St George in the semi-final after they had battled through from the quarter finals, but once again the boys from Blacktown were too strong and ran out worthy winners 3-0.

And so to the final, Southern and Eastern who had won their section also undefeated, were to meet Blacktown, and a great game of Soccer unfolded. Play see-sawed with Blacktown playing fast open Soccer and Southern and Eastern marauding in defence and aggressive in attack producing the first goal, midway through the first half.

Play continued in this vein until with 12 minutes remaining Blacktown with the chants of their supporters ringing in their ears, lifted themselves and gained the equaliser. Blacktown now applied unrelenting pressure and with four minutes remaining found the net with the all important winner to finish 2-1 victors.

Congratulations Blacktown, the first trophy won by any representative team and you are worthy champions of this wonderful tournament.

BIG TURNER CUP NIGHTS AT MARCONI

BY JOHN MOSCOVIS

THE WAY the Turner Cup is moving means it is destined to become one of the biggest sporting outlets for schools in New South Wales.

This year the State-wide entry is 245 schools from all sections of the education system.

The Sydney Metropolitan section started out with 126 entrants on April 20, when entries closed. By June 30 the competition will be down to the last 16.

Frankly this year in Sydney we commenced the organisation too late for reasons that should never be repeated.

It is worthwhile having a look at the failures, because elimination of most of them could lead to an entry of over 300 schools next year, and progressively more from then on.

The other point which must be made is to emphasise the great generosity of the Marconi club in making their excellent ground available on the nights of Tuesday July 19 and 26 and August 9 for important fixtures for the Sydney schools.

The problems have been:

★ Application forms not reaching the person in some schools concerned with the competition.

★ Failure to return entry forms by the designated closing dates.

★ Failure to notify organisers of delays of playing each round past their expiry dates, for any reason.

★ Failure to read the rules correctly, especially regarding age limits and procedure for home and away games.

★ Failure of some winning coaches to PHONE in the results.

★ The non-return of some squad sheets depicting players to be used in the games, and also of the team sheets from every game.

It is a giant boost to any competition, when generous contributions are made unexpectedly.

BATHURST RECOUPS

THE U-13 Youth League has an extra day of play over all other age groups, so play commenced last Sunday the 19, at Proctor Park Bathurst.

Bathurst played Calore rep team in the first game and put in a very poor game to go down to Orange. The Forbes team could be the dark horse of the field with the boys putting up some very good performances on the day, although being a little unlucky with the scores being no indication of their real performances.

Waratahs, one of the club teams entered, also put up some creditable performances.

Scores were:
Bathurst 0 Orange rep 3
Forbes 0 Orange rep 4
Waratahs 2 Parkes 0
Bathurst 11 Parkes 0
Waratahs 2 Forbes 1

Bathurst came out strongly in the second game to annihilate their opposition and show their real potential, while Forbes having all the play in their game with Waratahs were unlucky to go down.

Fred Bones from Sydney was on hand for the day looking at boys for the State U-13 train on squad.

Marconi Stadium was offered to the competition, for those three nights, plus two reserve nights, for absolutely no fee!

I would personally like to thank the committee at Marconi for that extraordinary gesture, and for putting the progress of Soccer in this country ahead of their own needs.

In return, I hope the spectators at the games concerned will support the club itself with the many facilities including the clubhouse.

With co-operation like this, that's how a competition becomes successful.

The dates set down for Marconi Stadium are: Tuesday July 19, Round 5; Div 1 and Div 4 - 2 games - (6pm - 9pm); Tuesday July 26, semi final; Syd. Metropolitan - 2 games - (6pm - 9pm); Tuesday August 9, final; Syd. Metropolitan - 1 game - (7.30 - 8.30pm).

HAMBURG DRAMA WIN

HAMBURG, the new European champions, retained the West German League title in a dramatic finish to the season.

Before a 70,000 crowd in Gelsenkirchen, Hamburg hung on for a 2-1 win over Schalke, aware that if they conceded a late goal the title would go to neighbours Werder Bremen.

An equally nervous Werder Bremen struggled to win their final home game 3-2 against Bochum before 41,000 spectators.

Both clubs finished with 53 points, but Hamburg won on superior goal difference.



Cowans: staying home

COWANS MOVE IS OFF

GORDON Cowans will not be moving to Italy's Napoli after all.

but there has been a hitch in the negotiations.

He seemed sure to leave Aston Villa for Napoli when he travelled to Australia for England's tour,

The Italian Football Federation, alarmed at the financial crisis facing the game in Italy, has banned expensive imports for the time being.

SICILIANS IN FIRST DIVISION

CATANIA from Sicily won promotion to Italy's first division after drawing 0-0 with Cremonese in Rome.

They scored the only goal of the three-way promotion series when they beat Como 1-0.

Catania go up to the first division with Lazio of Rome and A.C.Milan.

They will be the first team from Sicily to play in Italy's first division since 1973. It is 13 years since Catania were relegated to the second division.



SOCRATES: IN A SIGNING MOOD

Brazil's World Cup captain, Socrates, obliges Swiss kids with his autograph at a training session in Basel before the Switzerland — Brazil international. Socrates is also believed to have autographed a contract for Italian club A. S. Roma, while in Basel.

BRAZIL began their European tour by disposing of Portugal 4-0 at Corumba.

Careca scored two goals and set up another for Pedrinho, while the other Brazilian goal was a solo effort by Socrates, the captain.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

OVER SEAS



NZ RUFER IS TOPS SAY SWISS

NEW ZEALAND World Cup striker Wynton Rufer was named the season's top Swiss soccer discovery by the influential Swiss publication "Sport" today.

The magazine said Rufer, 20, formerly of Miramar, Wellington, came into his own during the second half of the season for Zurich FC to become one of the dominant strikers in the country.

It said Rufer's nine goals in the Swiss championship, just completed, played a vital part in Zurich FC gaining a lucrative European Football Union (UEFA) place next season.

"Sport" said in its annual end-of-season analysis of Swiss soccer that Rufer, through no fault of his own, had had an inauspicious start after his controversial signing by Zurich FC, with arch town-rivals, Swiss champ-

ions, Grasshopper, claiming a prior option on him and his brother, midfielder Shane.

After a frustrating period while he fought to adapt himself to the complexities of European-style club football, and bolstered by the support of former trainer Daniel Jeandupeux, Rufer has made the grade, "Sport" said.

In the second half of the season he ran rings round many a defence with his talented dribbling, the magazine said.

Rufer was top scorer in the preliminary rounds leading up to New Zealand's eventual qualification for last year's World Cup finals in Spain, play-

ing in all three final round matches. He was born in New Zealand of a Swiss father.

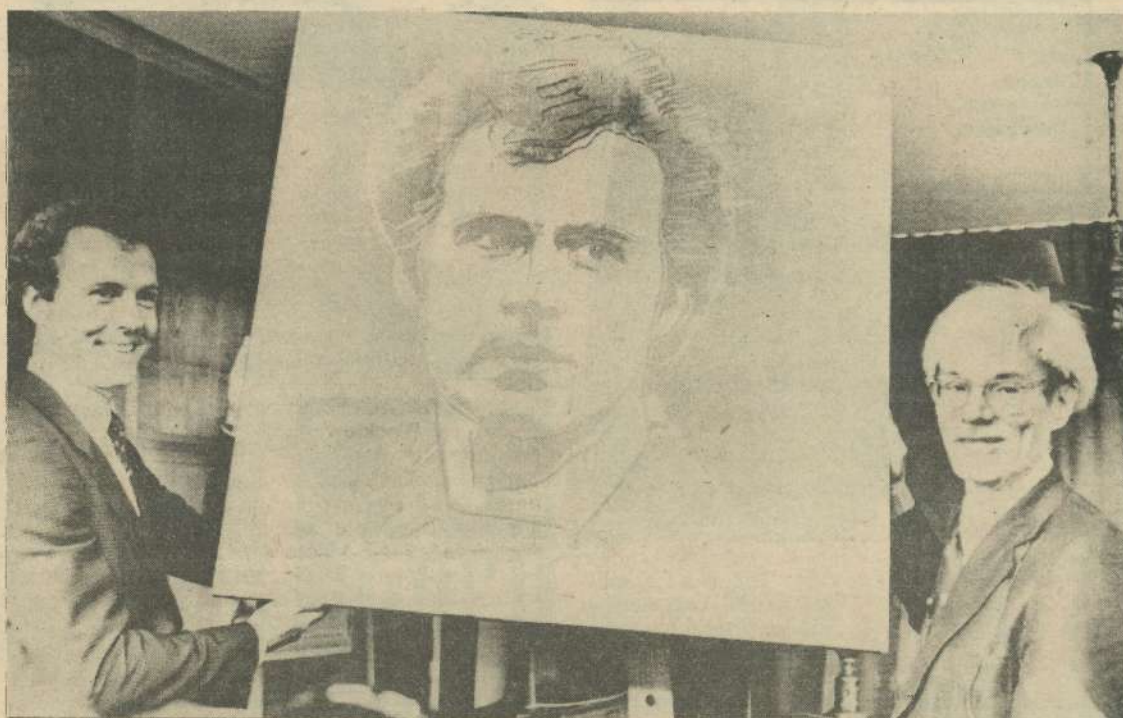
Recovering from a groin operation today, Rufer, clearly in pain, told us from his hospital bed in Adliswil near Zurich: "I am pleasantly surprised and very happy at the news. I am looking forward to my holidays in New Zealand and hope to leave shortly."



*ZICO, the Brazilian star, arrived in Italy and declared his new club Udinese could win the championship next season.

They have paid \$4.5 million to lure Zico from Flamengo in a spectacular coup made in the hope of injecting more punch into the Udinese attack.

They drew 20 of their 32 matches last season.



ANDY ART FOR KAISER

A present for the Kaiser! American pop artist Andy Warhol presents an easily-recognisable painting to Franz Beckenbauer in Munich. The gift was a tribute to Beckenbauer's Soccer career, expected to end in retirement this year.

USA WORLD CUP BID — COACH EXPLAINS

TIM SCHUM, Soccer coach at the University of New York for the past 20 years, has put forward several reasons for FIFA rejecting the USA bid to stage the 1986 World Cup.

Schum's article makes sense even though most of his countrymen are very angry about FIFA's high-handed action.

He lists three important points which may have swayed FIFA.

- Leadership and internal organisation.
- A dominant position for Soccer in the USA.
- A real commitment by the United States to Soccer.

He claims the US Soccer Federation was trying to cover for its lack of international clout by sending a politician Henry A. Kissinger to repre-

sent the nation's Soccer interests.

Schum says that, although FIFA exhibited bad manners in dealing with American's bid, FIFA also recognised that real Soccer leadership does not exist in the US in sufficient quality to stage the World Cup.

"Our mistakes," writes Schum, "would seem to have been a misapplication of what we might see as 'Soccer power' but which FIFA viewed as an invasion of its turf by a Soccer nation which has not paid its dues."



Kissinger: support

MICHAEL Laudrup, the 18 year old Danish wonder boy who nearly joined Liverpool three months ago, could still start next season at Anfield.

Holland's Ajax and Italy's Juventus are both reported to be on the trail of Laudrup, but Liverpool have kept in touch with the young midfield star, who is reputed to be one of Europe's finest Soccer prospects.

Previous negotiations broke down because Laudrup wouldn't sign a four year contract.



AUSTRIA beat Albania 2-1 to get two points ahead of Northern Ireland in Group 6 of the European championship.

Walter Schachner scored early in each half to give a 2-0 lead.

Northern Ireland play Austria in Belfast on September 21 in a game which will decide the Group.

CRUYFF, 36, WANTS A SWITCH



Cruyff: change

AFTER three years as national team coach, Kalmán Meszoly has resigned as Hungary's supremo.



BASTIA, the French first division club, has offered a one season contract to Kevin Keegan, the former England captain.



ALFREDO di Stefano has signed a further one year contract with Real Madrid.

JOHANN Cruyff, one of the world's greatest players, is still going strong at 36, and likely to move from Ajax to rivals Feyenoord.

Cruyff, having played in Spain and the US, has just helped Ajax regain their domination of Dutch football by winning the League and Cup.

Now he believes he can prolong his career by switching to the Rotterdam club.

It's a crippling blow of

Ajax's European Cup hopes next season.

Without Cruyff and Danish cap Soren Lerby, who has been transferred to Bayern Munich, their chances are remote.

WELSHMEN SO NEAR TO SHOCK WIN

WHILE England were struggling against Australia at the SCG, Wales almost grabbed a shock victory against the world's best international team, Brazil, at Ninian Park Cardiff.

Only some fantastic saves by Brazil goalkeeper Emerson Leao saved his side in a thrilling 1-1 draw.

Wales were in front after only three minutes when pint-sized Brian Flynn headed home. Ten minutes before the final whistle, Paolo Isadoro equalised for Brazil.

It was an experimental Brazilian squad, with no Zico, Falcao or Junior but

Wales, too, had to play without several established international stars.

If Liverpool's Ian Rush had been available, his goalscoring talent would probably have won the match for Wales.

Before the Welsh match, Brazil had opened their four-match European tour with a convincing win, 4-0, against Portugal.

Jack Dunnett, looking into the system

NOT FOR THE BOYS!

FULHAM chairman Ernie Clay wants the leading clubs to provide the members of the Football League Management Committee.

Clay opposed the re-election of Plymouth Argyle's Robert Daniel and Hull City's Chris Needler. The Fulham chairman

said: "This is a 900 million pound organisation and we should have professional people elected. Some members — because of the clubs they represent — should not be on the Management Committee."

League chairman Jack Dunnett has promised to look into the system but Daniel and Needler are both back on the Committee.

JOHN Fashanu of Norwich City has been transferred to Southend United — after turning down a Dutch offer from FC Den Haag.

dollars."

Who said that? Ron Greenwood, former England team manager.

ANDY Watson, the Aberdeen midfielder, has been transferred to Leeds United for \$100,000

PARTING OF THE WAYS

AFTER 11 successful seasons as Leicester City's goalkeeper, Mark Wallington has refused a contract offer for next season.

The 31 year-old Wallington was captain of Leicester, an unusual chore for a goalkeeper.

His successor could be Coventry City goalie Les Sealey, who has a free transfer, but Luton Town are also keen to get Sealey.

"AUSTRALIA is on about the same level of development as Kuwait in Soccer — but without the petro



POM INDO FLOP

ENGLISH first division team Arsenal flopped in the last game of their three-match Indonesian tour, losing 2-0 to Niac Mitra in Surabaya.

Indonesia's top team went ahead in the 38th minute through Singapore forward Fandi Ahmad, who also set up the second goal for Djoko Malis eight minutes from the end.

Arsenal, who beat Psmi Medan 3-0 and an Indonesian national selection 5-0, were upset by the humidity in the East Java port.



FRANCIS FOR FREE

GERRY FRANCIS, the former England midfielder, has been given a free transfer by Coventry City.

Bournemouth, Chelsea and Crystal Palace are all keen to sign him.

BIG CROWD FOR BOYS

THERE were 46,000 spectators at Wembley to watch England play Scotland in a schoolboys international.

England had a sizzling first half, scoring two goals just before half-time, but the Scots fought back well to finish with a 3-3 draw.

PITY, RUSH WASN'T THERE

NOW it can be told... Inter Milan offered to put \$1,500,000 in Charlie Nicholas's

TOP SCOT REFUSES MONEY!

bank account just before the Celtic wizard agreed to join Arsenal.

Charlie's agent Bev Walker said: "Inter have watched him for a very long time. They were desperate to sign him. Then they came up with their fantastic cash offer."

"But Charlie is only 21. He has plenty of time to think about moving into Europe. He will sign a four-year contract with Arsenal and this will give him valuable experience of English first division football."

UKI SOCCER SCENE



Blissett: disappointing

BLISSETT UNHAPPY ABOUT TOUR

LUTHER BLISSETT, rated the hottest marksman in the first division, was one of the most disappointing — and disappointed — players on England's tour of Australia.

When Blissett led the English front line at the SCG, he had one aim... to clinch a permanent spot in the international side.

It was Blissett's fifth appearance for England and probably his poorest

performance.

"Playing for England is something special," said the Watford centre-forward. "Five years ago, with Watford in the fourth division, that honour was only a dream. I am determined to keep

my place in the England side."

But after the 0-0 SCG draw, Blissett was dropped. He could find no way through Australia's packed defence.

Maybe it's easier in the English first division!

DUNCAN HARD AS BOSS

AFTER only nine weeks as manager of Hartlepool, former Spurs centre-forward John Duncan has been appointed manager of Chesterfield.

Emlyn Hughes was just pipped for the post by Duncan.

The new boss faces a real struggle. Chesterfield are \$800,000 in debt and had to be rescued from oblivion by a consortium of businessmen anxious to continue the club's proud 117 years history.

BIRMINGHAM CITY have signed England Under 21 centre-half Billy Wright from Everton on a free transfer. Another "free" move looks like taking Arsenal defender John Devine to Norwich City.

NOTTS County's bid to buy a top international goalkeeper did not produce Peter Shilton's signature. But Notts DID buy Jim McDonagh, the Republic of Ireland's goalkeeper, from Bolton Wanderers.

JACKIE CHARLTON NOT INTERESTED

ONE man not interested in the Manchester City managerial position is Jackie Charlton.

Although Charlton's name has been linked with Manchester City, he will not apply.

The older Charlton brother surprised many people by quitting as Sheffield Wednesday boss a few weeks ago but he

has always maintained a manager should not stay too long with one club.

Maurice Setters, former Manchester United wing-half, is now caretaker-manager of Sheffield Wednesday.